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### **Three Indicted in Government Fraud Scheme Involving Missing Person**

(Richmond, VA) - Crist Dauberman, Jr., age 36, of Prince William County, Virginia, and Craig Dauberman, age 33, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, were arrested today on fraud charges. The two brothers and their mother, Wendy Dauberman, age 58, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, were indicted by a federal grand jury on February 6, 2007, for their role in a scheme to fraudulently obtain Social Security and Department of Veterans Affairs payments. Crist Dauberman, Jr., and Wendy Dauberman are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit theft of government property, two counts of theft of government property, three counts of making false statements affecting Social Security Title II benefits, three counts of concealment and failure to disclose information affecting Social Security Title II benefits, and three additional counts of fraud. Craig Dauberman is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit theft of government property and two counts of theft of government property. If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison for each theft of government count and five years in prison for each other count.

Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Jeffrey Hughes, Special Agent-In-Charge, Northeast Field Office, Criminal Investigations Division, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General; Michael Robinson, Special Agent-In-Charge, Philadelphia Field Division, Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Sheriff Howard Smith of Spotsylvania County; Charles J. Cunningham, Special Agent-In-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Division; and Jane Murphy, Special Agent-In-Charge, United States Secret Service, Richmond Field Office, announced the charges.

According to court documents, Crist Dauberman, Sr., was the husband of Wendy Dauberman and father of Crist Dauberman, Jr., and Craig Dauberman. He was also a recipient of disability insurance benefits from Social Security and disability compensation benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs, with total benefits of approximately \$3,000.00 monthly. The indictment alleges that around October 1993, Crist Dauberman, Sr., disappeared and was no

longer living at the family home. It further alleges that despite his disappearance, the defendants continued to receive and cash for their own use the monthly Social Security and Veterans Affairs checks intended for Crist Dauberman, Sr. The indictment alleges that as a result of the charged fraud, there is a total loss to the Department of Veterans Affairs of \$259,795 and to the Social Security Administration of \$107,535.

The investigation into the disappearance of Crist Dauberman, Sr. is currently ongoing. Any individuals having information related to this case are urged to contact Detective Carter (540-507-7188) or Crime Analyst Melanie Bibens (540-507-7110) at the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office.

The case is being investigated by the Criminal Investigations Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General; Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General; Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office; Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Division; United States Secret Service, Richmond Field Office. Assistant United States Attorney Sara E. Flannery is prosecuting the case for the United States.

Defendants are presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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