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INMATE INDICTED IN HOAX ANTHRAX THREAT SENT TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Little Rock - U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins announced today that Leroy Shawn Selsor, age 29, was indicted for making a hoax anthrax threat and mailing a threatening communication. On October 10, 2006, the Office of Governor Mike Huckabee received an envelope from the Brickeys Unit of the Arkansas Department of Corrections, where Selsor is incarcerated for theft-related charges. The letter was marked "legal mail" and contained white powder – later identified by investigators as a harmless substance. Inside, a handwritten letter stated that the recipients had been exposed to anthrax and that they would die from their exposure.

Selsor faces not more than 5 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$250,000 for each of the counts of the indictment. A trial date will be set after appearing for plea and arraignment.

This case was investigated by the Arkansas State Police, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation – Joint Terrorism Task Force.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

SUMMARY OF CHARGE AND MAXIMUM PENALTIES:

- COUNT 1 Making a hoax anthrax threat, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1038, punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$250,000.
- COUNT 2 Mailing a threatening communication, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876, punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$250,000.

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