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**GRAND JURY CHARGES JACKSONVILLE LPN
WITH VIOLATIONS OF THE KICKBACK STATUTE, MAIL FRAUD, AND
FALSIFYING DOCUMENTS**

Little Rock - U. S. Attorney Jane W. Duke announced that Geffrey Alan Yielding, 42, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, was indicted today by a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Arkansas. Yielding, a licensed practical nurse, was charged with 18 counts of violating the kickback statute, 27 counts of wire fraud, and one count of falsifying documents.

According to the indictment, from approximately June of 2003 through October of 2004, Yielding paid Jody Wall, a charge nurse at Baptist Hospital Medical Center in North Little Rock, Arkansas (Baptist NLR), approximately \$47,000 in exchange for Wall ordering and purchasing goods reimbursable under a federal health care program, namely "allograft bone" from Osteotech. According to the indictment, Yielding's wife, who is now deceased, was the owner of a medical supply distributorship and received commission payments from the sale of products by Osteotech to Baptist NLR. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Yielding directed Wall to order Bone Growth Stimulators from Orthofix, Inc, another company from which Yielding's wife received commission payments. The indictment alleges that these orders were part of a scheme to defraud Baptist NLR because Baptist NLR was not able to seek reimbursement for these products. Yielding was also charged with one count of falsifying documents based on allegations that he created a fictitious promissory note in an effort to disguise the illegal kickbacks paid to Wall as "loans."

This investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services. Assistant United States Attorneys Laura Hoey and Jana Harris will represent the government.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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