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FEDERAL INMATE INDICTED FOR MURDER

Atlanta Federal Penitentiary Convict Allegedly Stabbed & Strangled Another Inmate

Atlanta, GA - BRIAN RICHARDSON, 45, originally of Huntsville, Alabama, and a federal inmate, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on a charge of premeditated murder of another inmate at the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta (USP-Atlanta). RICHARDSON is scheduled for an initial appearance before a United States Magistrate Judge on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

“Whether committed on the streets of our community or behind the walls of our federal prison, murder is murder and will be prosecuted vigorously to maintain the rule of law,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and other information presented in court: On July 8, 2007, in the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta, inmate RICHARDSON allegedly willfully, deliberately, maliciously, and with premeditation killed another inmate by stabbing him with a sharp object and strangling him. In the indictment returned today, the federal grand jury also made several special findings, alleging that RICHARDSON has prior violent felonies, that he planned the murder, and that he committed it in an especially heinous, cruel, and depraved manner. The charge carries a mandatory sentence of either life in prison or the death penalty.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Investigative Agents of the Bureau of Prisons.

Assistant United States Attorneys Todd C. Alley and Matthew T. Jackson are prosecuting the case.

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