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## **RIVERDALE MAN SENTENCED FOR IMPERSONATING FEDERAL AGENT**

### ***Steven Street Impersonated a Federal Agent in Order to Deceive a Church, Law Enforcement and an Investor***

ATLANTA, GA - STEVEN STREET, 44, of Riverdale, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Willis B. Hunt, Jr. to serve over two years in federal prison on charges of impersonating a federal law enforcement agent between 2005 and 2009.

Acting United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said of the sentence, “This defendant deceitfully used the good reputation of law enforcement to get what he wanted through false pretenses: jobs, money, and respect. Instead of being an honorable member of law enforcement, he was a fraud who, like all fraudsters, let his victims down. Now he will go to federal prison.”

“Today's sentencing of Steven Street sends a strong message: Diplomatic Security is committed to making sure that those who impersonate a law enforcement officer face consequences for their criminal actions. Diplomatic Security's strong relationship with the U.S. Attorney's Office and other law enforcement agencies around the world continues to be essential in the pursuit of justice,” said Mike Foster, Special Agent in Charge of the Miami Field Office, U.S. State Department's Diplomatic Security Service.

STREET was sentenced to two years, six months in federal prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release, ordered to pay restitution of \$322,000 and ordered not to take any security-related employment upon release. There is no parole in the federal system. He pleaded guilty to the charges on October 20, 2009.

According to Acting United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: Beginning in 2005, STREET operated a company named “Dignitary Protective Services” in which he used badges, identification cards and business cards which bore a great deal of similarity to those carried by agents of the Diplomatic Security Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of State. STREET

falsely claimed that he was employed by the U.S. State Department and was on former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice's protective detail. STREET also passed out a resume which represented that he was employed by the State Department. When STREET hired employees for his security company, including a few state and local law enforcement officers who provided security for special events, he told them he was a federal agent. As a part of his successful pitch to convince a large local church to hire him as a part of its security detail, STREET falsely told its pastor and members that he was involved in the incident in Somalia depicted in the movie "Black Hawk Down." STREET also took advantage of his fellow church-goers belief in his false persona to persuade one person to loan him money, and another person to invest more than \$400,000 in his security company.

STREET's fraudulent scheme was uncovered after the Fayetteville, Georgia Police Department conducted a traffic stop of one of STREET's employees who was driving STREET's car. The car was uninsured. After a subsequent search and impounding of the vehicle, it was found to contain tactical police gear and a firearm. After being stopped by police, the employee began to question if the car was in fact a government car. The employee contacted her brother, who is a police officer in another state, and he urged her to contact the U. S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, because he thought it was improper for a federal agent to allow a civilian to drive an official government vehicle that contained tactical gear and a firearm. After his arrest, STREET admitted to federal agents that he had indeed impersonated a federal agent on numerous occasions.

This case was investigated by Agents of the U. S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Plummer prosecuted the case.

For further information please contact Sally Q. Yates, Acting United States Attorney, or Charysse L. Alexander, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is [www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan).