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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SOUTH BEND RETURNS INDICTMENT

South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in South Bend, Indiana, returned the following Indictment on July 13, 2011:

Oliver Collins, 47, of Key West, Florida, was charged in a seven count Indictment with three counts of theft from a program receiving federal funds and four counts of mail fraud. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the National Science Foundation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank E. Schaffer.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.