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.MISSISSIPPI MAN INDICTED FOR MAIL FRAUD
AND ATTEMPTING TO PASS A FICTITIOUS PROMISSORY NOTE

Gulfport, Miss – Drew Allen Rayner, 72, of Perkinston, MS, was arraigned on July 20, 2011 on charges of mail fraud and passing a fictitious financial instrument, U.S. Attorney John Dowdy announced today. The indictment alleges that Rayner mailed a fictitious Bonded Promissory Note to the City of Poplarville, MS in payment for a court ordered fine. The fictitious Note directed the City of Poplarville, MS to redeem the Note from the United States Department of Treasury in Washington, D.C.

Rayner's trial is set for October 3, 2011 before Senior United States District Judge Walter J. Gex III. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 55 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains mere allegations and that a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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