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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today that TODD L. TYO, 46, of Heuvelton, New York, made his initial appearance in federal court in Syracuse today following his arrest in connection with a sealed indictment charging him with one count of embezzling government funds in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641. Following this court appearance, he was released on his own recognizance and conditions set by the Court.

The indictment alleges that from the month of March 2011 to August 10, 2011, the defendant, a United States Customs and Border Protection Officer, embezzled funds with a value in excess of \$1000.00 that came into his possession as part of his employment at the Alexandria Bay, New York Port of Entry. Tyo has been placed on Administrative Leave during the pendency of the investigation. The defendant faces a maximum possible sentence upon conviction of up to 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, a special assessment of \$100 and a period of supervised release to follow any incarceration. The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, Buffalo, N.Y. Office. Questions can be referred to Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard R. Southwick at 315-448-0672.

