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DULUTH MAN CHARGED WITH INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN VEHICLES

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, charging Gale A. Rachuy, 60, of Duluth, Minn., with multiple counts of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles. Rachuy was arraigned Friday, September 3, in U.S. District Court in Madison and trial was set for January 10, 2011.

The charges involve Rachuy purchasing vehicles from dealerships and from an individual using closed account checks and then transporting the vehicles in interstate commerce knowing that they were stolen vehicles. If convicted, Rachuy faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and the entry of an appropriate restitution order on each count.

The charges against Gale A. Rachuy were the result of an investigation conducted by the Eau Claire office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Superior Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Duluth Police Department, and Carlton County (Minnesota) Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant C. Johnson.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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