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**METAIRIE MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL
FELONY FOR MAKING FALSE KATRINA AID CLAIM**

United States Attorney Jim Letten, and James Bernazanni, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today that the United States Attorney has filed a Bill of Information against **WILLIAM R. RESSEGUET**, a 66 year-old Metairie resident, for making false statements to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

The Bill of Information charges that **RESSEGUET** requested and received \$5,544 in rental assistance to which he was not entitled because he was not required to pay rent at the residence where he was living post-Katrina. **RESSEGUET** faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$250,000.00 fine, and three years of supervised release.

United States Attorney Jim Letten reiterated that a Bill of Information is merely a method of charging a defendant and that the defendant's guilt must be proven beyond a "reasonable doubt" at trial. This investigation was conducted by NOPD Officers assigned to Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force. Prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Irene González.