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**FOURTH PERSON ARRESTED FOR THEFT
OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

BATON ROUGE, LA – JAMAR ANDERSON, age 32, of Gretna, Louisiana, was arrested by federal agents yesterday on charges of conspiracy and theft of government property, United States Attorney David R. Dugas announced. A criminal complaint was signed this afternoon by U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Riedlinger.

The complaint alleges that ANDERSON was an employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). ANDERSON allegedly worked at the staging area of a FEMA storage site in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and had access to the site and travel trailers with crated air conditioning units that were stored there. The complaint alleges that ANDERSON was involved in a scheme involving the unauthorized taking of air conditioning units from the FEMA storage site. ANDERSON is the fourth individual arrested in this matter. Three others, BYRON BASIL, BYRON HARDESTY, and LEROY THOMAS, JR., were arrested yesterday on related charges.

NOTE: A complaint is merely an accusation by a law enforcement official, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty at trial.

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