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DC MAN INDICTED FOR VIOLATIONS AT MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces the return of an indictment by a grand jury charging Scott Allan Bennett (age 40, of Washington, D.C.) with three counts of violating federal law. If convicted on all counts, Bennett faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The indictment also notifies Bennett that the United States intends to forfeit handguns and ammunition, which are alleged to be traceable to the offense.

According to the indictment, Bennett is accused of obtaining housing on MacDill Air Force Base, in Tampa, Florida, by subterfuge in January 2010. Bennett stated on a housing application submitted to the U.S. Air Force that he was an active duty member of the U.S. Army Reserves. In fact, Bennett was not an active duty member of the U.S. Army Reserves. Bennett is also alleged to have worn a uniform of the armed forces of the United States without authorization in January 2010. Additionally, Bennett is accused of violating a defense property security regulation by possessing prohibited items without authorization, including a concealed handgun, additional handguns, and more than 9,300 rounds of ammunition, among other items, starting at an unknown time and continuing through April 2010.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Department of the Air Force Police, 6th Security Forces Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sara C. Sweeney.