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McNAIR INDICTED ON ESCAPE CHARGE

Charge a result of escape from U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock, La.

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . A federal grand jury in Shreveport, Louisiana, has returned an indictment charging **RICHARD L. McNAIR**, age 48, with escape from custody, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today.

The indictment alleges that McNAIR escaped from the United States Penitentiary in Pollock, Louisiana on April 5, 2006. McNAIR was arrested in New Brunswick, Canada on October 25, 2007.

An arraignment date has been set for December 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. before United States Magistrate Judge James D. Kirk.

If convicted, McNAIR faces a penalty of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on the escape charge.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Defendants are entitled to a presumption of innocence under the law, and the government has the burden of proving every element of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshal Service and the Royal Mounted Canadian Police, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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