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**SHREVEPORT POLICE OFFICER INDICTED
FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD**

Shreveport, La. - United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Joey M. Willis, age 46, a Shreveport Police Officer, was indicted this week by a federal grand jury for concealing assets from his creditors in the course of his bankruptcy proceeding and making false statements under penalty of perjury and under oath.

Willis' bankruptcy case was filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Shreveport in 2009. The indictment named Willis in a five-count indictment charging one count of concealment of assets from creditors and the United States Trustee, two counts of making false statements in his Bankruptcy filings, and three counts of false testimony under oath.

If convicted, Willis faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on each count of the indictment. Willis is scheduled to appear for an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Shreveport on February 14, 2012 at 2:00.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Shreveport Resident Agency, and the United States Trustee's Office, Region V. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph G. Jarzabek.

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