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Bill Anthony Jakob Indictment Comments

This is Catherine Hanaway. I am the United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri. Today an indictment was returned against Bill Jakob. The United States Attorney's Office alleges that Mr. Jakob impersonated a law enforcement official, and while he was impersonating that law enforcement official made nine arrests and searched ten homes in and around Gerald, Missouri.

During the course of the searches he showed people a badge, he stuck guns in their face, he kicked down doors. These are very serious crimes that will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Mr. Jakob faces up to 20 years in prison on each of the mail and wire fraud counts with which he is charged, and up to three years in prison on each of the false impersonation charges against him.

Obviously it is a serious concern to all those law enforcement agencies which investigated the case, including the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the FBI and the National Criminal Investigative Service, that anyone would impersonate a law enforcement official and use the color of that authority to break down doors and put guns in people's faces.

Mr. Jakob is in custody and will have his initial appearance today, July 10.