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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH IDENTITY THEFT

J. Richard Outhier, 36, of Madison, Wis., is charged in a seven-count indictment with using the identity of another to defraud banks, during a period from August 2006 to December 26, 2007. The indictment includes three counts of using the personal identifying information of another person, one count of using another person's identification during and in relation to bank fraud, and three counts of using another person's social security number. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of any proceeds or property derived from this scheme.

The indictment alleges that as part of the fraud scheme, Outhier did the following: He identified a person with Down Syndrome (J.D.), whose mother was active in Down Syndrome awareness. He contacted J.D.'s mother, claiming he was a reporter writing a story on Down Syndrome for the British Broadcasting Company. He interviewed J.D.'s mother while posing as a reporter to obtain J.D.'s personal identifying information, which he used to obtain a duplicate birth certificate and J.D.'s social security number. He then used that information to obtain a social security card and Wisconsin driver's license in J.D.'s name. The indictment further alleges that Outhier, using J.D.'s identifying information, obtained a loan and credit card from Wells Fargo Bank and a credit card from U.S. Bank, resulting in losses to the banks in excess of \$20,000.

If convicted, Outhier faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service and the Cottage Grove Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

BELOIT MAN CHARGED WITH DRUG & GUN CRIMES

Anthony C. Dumas, 32, of Beloit, Wis., is charged with possessing with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that he possessed the crack cocaine and a 9mm handgun on November 30, 2007.

If convicted, Dumas faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison on the possession with intent to distribute count, and a maximum of 10 years on the felon in possession count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Janesville Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

GLENWOOD CITY MAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD

James G. Weyer, Jr., 41, of Glenwood City, is charged with disposing of property, specifically 51 dairy cows, which were mortgaged and pledged to the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farm Service Agency. The indictment alleges that he disposed of the property on November 1, 2005.

If convicted, Weyer faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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