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REBECCA HAUCK ARRAIGNED; MATTHEW COX STILL AT LARGE

Rebecca Marie Hauck and Fugitive Co-Defendant Matthew Bevan Cox Charged In Mortgage Fraud Conspiracy Involving 3 States

Atlanta, GA - REBECCA MARIE HAUCK, 34, of Tampa, FL, Las Vegas, NV and most recently of Houston, TX was arraigned on federal charges of bank fraud, wire fraud, interstate transportation of fraud proceeds, identity theft, money laundering and conspiracy. HAUCK was arraigned before United States Magistrate Judge C. Christopher Hagy this morning in federal court in Atlanta, who also ordered her held without bond. No trial date has yet been set.

“Ms. Hauck was the subject of a nationwide fugitive search after her alleged widespread criminal fraud scheme left a trail of victims and a lot of missing money,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “The indictment alleges a complex and damaging mortgage fraud and identity theft scheme. We hope the public can help us locate Matthew Cox so that he too can be brought to justice.”

HAUCK is charged in a 42-count indictment with conspiring with fugitive co-defendant MATTHEW BEVAN COX to rent properties from true owners, fraudulently erase prior mortgage liens, assume the identity of the owners and obtain multiple mortgage loans on the same property, before changing locations to reexecute the same scheme. The indictment further alleges that HAUCK and COX used stolen identities to obtain drivers licenses, purchase vehicles, lease mail drops, rent apartments and open bank accounts to receive scheme proceeds in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina.

HAUCK was indicted by a federal grand jury on September 29, 2005. The indictment was unsealed on March 21, 2006 when she was arrested in Houston, Texas by the U. S. Secret Service while living under a stolen identity. HAUCK and COX were first charged in this district by criminal complaint in July 2004.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment only contains charges. The defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

Law enforcement is seeking the assistance of the public in locating HAUCK's co-defendant, MATTHEW BEVAN COX, who has been a fugitive on Northern District of Georgia mortgage fraud charges since July 2004 and on Middle District of Florida supervised release violation charges since December 2003. (NEWS MEDIA NOTE: digital photos of COX are available upon request.)

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service .

Assistant United States Attorney Gale McKenzie is prosecuting the case.

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