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FOUR INDIVIDUALS INDICTED FOR \$700,000 DEBRIS REMOVAL FRAUD
IN RELATION TO HURRICANE KATRINA FRAUD

JACKSON, Miss.— Four individuals have been indicted for conspiracy to defraud the United States involving the creation and submission of fraudulent debris removal load slips in the amount of \$716,677, U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton of the Southern District of Mississippi announced today. Those charged in the indictment include Allen Kitto, 24, of Dundee, Fla., Clinton K. Miller, 28, of Carriere, Miss., Devin Chuter, 23, of Picayune, Miss., and Lauren Robertson, 23, of Picayune, Miss.

The indictment charges that Kitto owned and operated J.A.K. DC&ER Inc., a debris removal contracting company working as a sub-contractor in Pearl River County, Miss., and that Miller, Chuter and Robertson worked for a debris removal monitoring company operating in Pearl River County, Miss. Chuter and Robertson allegedly signed false debris load slips misrepresenting that debris was loaded onto trucks on the roadway when Chuter and Robertson were not present at the loading site and, in most instances, created and signed the false load slips at their residences.

The false debris load slips misrepresented that certain trucks, belonging to and under the control of Kitto, were hauling loads of debris at a time when the trucks identified on the debris load slips were not in operation on the roadway or at the dump site listed on the load slips. The false debris load slips also misrepresented that loads of debris were delivered to a designated dump site in Pearl River County, Miss. when in truth and fact no debris was delivered to the dump site. Miller allegedly collected the false load slips from his co-conspirators and submitted them to the debris monitoring company who would, in turn, submit the false load slips to the prime contractor for payment to Kitto. The indictment also charges that Kitto, in an effort to conceal the conspiracy, would deposit the funds obtained through the conspiracy into a bank account opened in the name of one of his employees and then write a check to an unindicted co-conspirator who would then pay Kitto and Miller. Miller would then pay Chuter and Robertson for completing and signing the false load slips along with an extra amount of money for “hush money.”

This indictment comes as a result of a joint investigation conducted by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The maximum penalty for conspiracy to defraud the United States is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

In September 2005, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force, designed to deter, investigate and prosecute disaster-related federal crimes such as charity fraud, identity theft, procurement fraud and insurance fraud. The Hurricane

Katrina Fraud Task Force - chaired by Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division - includes the FBI, the U. S. Inspectors General community, the U. S. Secret Service, the U. S. Postal Inspection Service, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys and others.

Pursuant to the Justice Department initiative, a local Katrina Fraud Task Force, consisting of over 20 Federal and State law enforcement agencies, was formed in the Southern District of Mississippi to pursue and prosecute individuals who file false and fraudulent claims.

If anyone has information concerning possible fraud being committed during the post-Katrina recovery effort, please call either the DHS-Office of the Inspector General Fraud Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or the FBI Fraud Hotline at 1-800-225-5324.

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