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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**BROWNSBURG BUSINESSMAN INDICTED  
FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOHN MICHAEL BREWER, 58, Brownsburg, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for false statements and concealment of assets in connection with the filing of a bankruptcy petition following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Trustee's Office.

The charge is the result of a referral by the United States Trustee, Region 10, Indianapolis Office and an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in coordination with the Southern Indiana Bankruptcy Fraud Working Group. Members of the Bankruptcy Fraud Working Group include representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana, U.S. Trustee's Office for Region 10, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service,

U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Housing and Urban Development, among others.

The indictment alleges that in 2002, BREWER filed a bankruptcy petition seeking relief from creditors under the federal bankruptcy laws. BREWER purportedly signed under oath, then filed, the bankruptcy petition and schedules. BREWER failed to disclose his ownership and management of a business, Gold Chauffered [sic] Limousines Inc., and failed to disclose that he had a bank account in the name Gold Chauffered [sic] Limousines at a local bank over which he had signature authority. The indictment also alleges that BREWER failed to disclose in April 2002 at the first meeting of creditors in his bankruptcy proceeding that he had sold another business, Luxury One Limousines, and had received \$63,070 in payment from the sale of Luxury One Limousines, which he deposited into the Gold Chauffered Limousines bank account. It also alleges that BREWER failed to disclose at the first meeting of creditors that he had been operating Gold Chauffered Limousines as an ongoing business since about November 2001.

“Those who abuse the bankruptcy system by concealing assets from their creditors undermine the integrity of the system,” stated Nancy J. Gargula, United States Trustee for Indiana and Central and Southern Illinois (Region 10). “This type of abuse will not be tolerated.”

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who is prosecuting the case for the government, BREWER faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to five years per count, followed by up to three years supervised release and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing on the indictment was held today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Foster in Indianapolis.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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