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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TWO INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENTS CHARGED
WITH IDENTITY THEFT**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ERICK RAMON ANDERSON, 30, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for 7 counts of identity theft and 4 counts of bank fraud, following an investigation by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Cincinnati, Ohio and Indianapolis. CHARLEY WALKER, 46, was charged by information with a single-count of identity theft.

The indictment alleges that ANDERSON purchased five Indianapolis properties and obtained or attempted to obtain two vehicle loans using the personal identifiers of three men, including their social security numbers. These men do not know ANDERSON and had not given permission for him to do this. The indictment additionally alleges that ANDERSON

committed bank fraud by depositing \$13,800 in funds from four different checks purportedly authorized by a fourth man into an account that ANDERSON controlled. The fourth man gave no such authority..

One of the vehicle loans, which was stopped by law enforcement, occurred on March 17, 2005, and involved ANDERSON and WALKER. ANDERSON allegedly drove WALKER to the Indianapolis bank where WALKER attempted to use a fictitious Wisconsin driver's license to obtain a loan for \$32,000.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, ANDERSON and WALKER each face a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 15 years on each count of identity theft and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for each count. ANDERSON faces an additional possible prison sentence of up to 30 years for each count of bank fraud charged in the indictment, and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for each of those counts. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis for each man.

The indictment and information are allegations only, and each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.