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PRINCETON MAN CHARGED WITH WIRE FRAUD IN SCHEME TO TAKE EMPLOYER'S FUNDS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL W. RILEY, 41 of, Princeton, Indiana, was charged with one count of wire fraud and one count of making or possessing a forged security of an organization, following an investigation by the United States Secret Service and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

The charge alleges that between May 1, 2005, and August 31, 2006, RILEY executed 140 electronic funds transfers using the internet that were routed through computer systems in several states and ultimately caused the movement of funds totaling approximately \$496,169 from two bank accounts belonging to his employer, ECS Solutions Incorporated, to a bank account under his control. The charge also alleges that RILEY used approximately seventeen checks from ECS Solutions' business checking account to obtain business funds for himself without authorization from ECS Solutions.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, RILEY faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The information 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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