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## **INDICTMENTS IN MUNCIE ARSONS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that KENNETH ALLEN, 42, DOUGLAS HAYNES, 49, ADRIAN KIRTZ, 28, and CARLOS WALTON, 28, of Muncie, Indiana, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for conspiracy to use arson to commit mail fraud, following an investigation by the ATF and Muncie Police Department.

Three indictments were issued by the grand jury charging four people with conspiracy to use arson to commit another felony offense. One indictment alleges that KENNETH ALLEN and DOUGLAS HAYNES engaged in a conspiracy involving others to defraud insurance companies by fraudulently causing insurance companies to pay claims for fire damage on residences the conspirators caused to be damaged by arson. The indictment alleges that ALLEN, HAYNES and others would buy low priced residences, usually in the Muncie, Indiana area. They would then obtain fire insurance on the property and then arrange to set the property on fire in a manner that would make the fire appear to be accidental. They would then seek to collect proceeds from the insurance companies as fire damage, and further, would inflate and falsify their claims to the insurance company with the aid of an insurance adjuster, DOUGLAS HAYNES. The indictment lists five residences that were the subject of arson as part of the scheme alleged in the indictment.

CARLOS WALTON and ADRIAN KIRTZ were each charged in separate indictments with conspiracy to use arson to commit mail fraud with regard to fires at residences in Muncie and Anderson, Indiana.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Winfield D. Ong, who is prosecuting the case for the government, ALLEN, HAYNES, KIRTZ and WALTON face 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 Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

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