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FORMER PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF CHARGED WITH THEFT OF FEDERAL FUNDS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MARK T. FRISBIE, 38, Greencastle, Indiana, was charged today with Federal program theft, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana State Police.

The offense charged involves theft or misapplication of funds from a government agency that received federal funds. In this case, it is alleged that FRISBIE, at the time Sheriff of Putnam County, Indiana, stole approximately \$12,530.46 from the Sheriff's Department (PCSD) between January 18, 2006 and March 28, 2007. The Sheriff's Department had received over \$45,000.00 in federal grant money during the applicable period.

The charge alleges that FRISBIE committed the offense through the unauthorized use of the PCSD Visa credit card account at First National Bank, located in Putnam County, Indiana and the unauthorized use of the Putnam County Sheriff Commissary Account checking account at First National Bank. Specifically, FRISBIE used these accounts for the unauthorized payment of PCSD funds for the following purposes:

- a. To reimburse expenses incurred by Frisbie Security Consulting, LLC, a private business entity operated by the Defendant, related to the training of prospective employees of said business;
- b. To pay for travel expenses incurred by a daughter of the Defendant's wife;
- c. To reimburse expenses for meals and incidental expenses incurred by the Defendant when the Defendant had previously received per diem payments from the PCSD to cover said expenses;

- d. To pay for campaign supplies related to the reelection campaign of the Defendant; and,
- e. To reimburse expenses incurred by the Defendant on a personal business trip undertaken by the Defendant related to the operation of Frisbie Security Consulting, LLC.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, FRISBIE faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000.

The charge 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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