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Gregory A. White, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, announced today the filing of an information charging Thomas A. Shumay, age 73, of Independence, Ohio, and George J. Shumay, age 68, of North Omstead, Ohio, charging each with one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and make false statements.

The sole count of the information alleges that between 1997 and May 2003, Thomas and George Shumay served as high level managers and supervisors at All Tools, Inc. (All Tools), a company incorporated and operating in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. During this time period, All Tools directly contracted with the United States Air Force and subcontracted with other corporations to build landing gear components to be used in United States Air Force aircraft and in the F-18 aircraft. During the same time period, Thomas and George Shumay manufactured United States military landing gear parts using unapproved and improper techniques and procedures, created documentation that falsely represented to the United States government that approved and proper techniques and procedures were employed in the manufacturing and testing of the landing gear parts, and shipped those parts using interstates commercial carriers.

If convicted, the defendants' sentences will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including each defendant's prior criminal record, if any, each defendant's role in the offense, and the characteristics of the violation. In all cases the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arturo G. Hernandez following an investigation by the United States Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Air Force's Office of Special Investigations, and the United States Navy Criminal Investigative Service.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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