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MAN POSING AS CHIROPRACTOR CHARGED WITH HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Atlanta, GA - A criminal information was filed today in federal district court against WILLIAM WALKER, 50, of Decatur, Georgia. The information charges that WALKER, who was not a licensed chiropractor, nevertheless posed as one from 2002 into 2006, performing services for patients, and fraudulently billing insurance companies for over \$600,000.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "WALKER cheated his patients and defrauded the health insurance system by pretending to be a licensed chiropractor for years. He will now face justice."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the Criminal Information and other information presented in court: WALKER owned and operated the "Candler Parkway Chiropractic Clinic" in Decatur, Georgia, since approximately 1995. Because WALKER has never been a licensed chiropractor in Georgia, he initially hired chiropractors to work at the clinic and provide services to patients. However, beginning in or about September 2002 and continuing into January 2006, WALKER no longer employed any chiropractors, but instead performed all the chiropractic services himself. He also billed his patients' insurance companies for these services. To mislead the insurers into believing that he was a licensed chiropractor, and therefore eligible to receive payment, WALKER fraudulently submitted the bills under the name of one of his former chiropractor employees. WALKER did that without the knowledge or consent of the chiropractor whose name he used. In total, WALKER fraudulently billed various insurance companies for over \$600,000. He had received over \$400,000 by the time his scheme was uncovered.

The charges carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

WALKER is scheduled to plead guilty to the charges contained in the information on June 19, 2006, at 2 p.m. before District Judge Timothy C. Batten.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys Justin S. Anand and Jon-Peter Kelly are prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the information contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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