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MOBILE MAN INDICTED FOR FEMA FRAUD

**THREE COUNT INDICTMENT ALLEGES FRAUD OCCURRED
IN RELATION TO HURRICANE KATRINA**

Charles Humphrey was indicted today by a Federal Grand Jury for making false claims against the government, false statements, and mail fraud. The facts alleged in the indictment all relate to claims allegedly made by Humphrey to FEMA for assistance after Hurricane Katrina. The indictment alleges that Humphrey wrongfully obtained a check for \$2358 from FEMA..

Making false claims and making false statements are violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 287 and 1001, respectively. Those charges each carry a maximum penalty of 5 years in custody and a \$250,000 fine. Mail fraud is a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, and that charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in custody and a \$250,000 fine.

Agents for the United States Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General conducted the investigation and presented the case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Daryl Atchison is handling the prosecution of the case on behalf of the United States.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.