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CAR SALE INVOLVING ALTERED VIN NUMBER LEADS TO FEDERAL INDICTMENT

A federal grand jury for the Southern District of Alabama has returned a one-count indictment charging Michael W. Madison of Orange Beach, Alabama, with possessing and selling a motor vehicle with an altered vehicle identification number (VIN). The indictment alleges that Madison possessed and sold one 1968 Pontiac GTO convertible in June 2007, knowing that the vehicle's VIN number had been altered. The maximum penalty provided by law for the first offense is 10 years imprisonment.

As in all criminal cases, the Indictment returned by the Grand Jury is only an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent.

This case was investigated by the Orange Beach Police Department and the United States Secret Service. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Andrew Sigler.

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