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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**RE: ARREST OF THOMAS BURGESS, DONALD COLEMAN,  
MARIO DeANGELO LLOYD, CHARLES MATHIS, AND ULYSSES WALKER  
(FALSE STATEMENTS: AIRPORT BADGE APPLICATIONS)**

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Bruce J. Gebhardt, Special Agent in Charge of the San Francisco Office of the FBI, and Hank W. Smedley, Special Agent in Charge of the Western Region of the Department of Transportation (DOT), Office of the Inspector General (OIG), today announced that Thomas Burgess, age 36, of Oakland, Donald Coleman, age 33, of Berkeley and Ulysses Walker, age 46, of Oakland were arrested on April 22, 2002. Mario DeAngelo Lloyd, age 27, of Berkeley was arrested on April 24, 2002. A federal complaint was filed and summons was issued today for Charles Mathis, age 33, of Pittsburg. All are United States Citizens. The arrests on Federal Charges for making false statements were made at the Oakland International airport and at residences of individuals charged.

The arrests followed a three month joint investigation by the FBI, DOT, and the FAA called Operation Tarmac. The operation focused on the falsification of airport badge applications. The falsifications occurred when the employees failed to disclose prior felony convictions within the past ten years. The falsified badge applications were relied upon by the FAA for the issuance of SIDA (security identification display area) badges. These badges allow the airport employee unrestricted access to secure areas of the airport.



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The employees were arrested in violation of U.S.C.  
Title 18 Section 1001, False Statements.

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