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**FORMER JACKSON POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY
TO BANK FRAUD AND PERJURY IN A BANKRUPTCY CASE**

Stan Harris, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, and R. Michael Bolen, United States Trustee for Region 5, announced that Michael Anthony Jones entered a guilty plea on Thursday, March 19, 2009, to one count of bank fraud and one count of perjury before Chief Judge Henry T. Wingate in U.S. District Court in Jackson.

Jones, who was a Jackson Police Officer from 1992 to 1998, admitted to using his disabled minor son's social security number to obtain a bank loan from the Members Exchange Credit Union to purchase a car. Jones subsequently used that social security number to file three successive bankruptcy cases to forestall repossession of the vehicle by the credit union and also gave false testimony under oath at a bankruptcy hearing before Honorable Edward Ellington, Chief Judge of the U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Mississippi, in efforts to remain in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy. He is scheduled to be sentenced on June 5, 2009, and remains subject to electronic monitoring pending his sentencing.

The case was the result of a joint investigation involving the U. S. Attorney's Office, the United States Trustee's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of the Inspector General of the Social Security Administration. Acting U.S. Attorney Harris added that "the Government will vigorously pursue those who defraud financial institutions or the judicial system. Perjury always is a serious offense, and this case is particularly troubling because the

defendant is a former law enforcement officer.”

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