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FORMER TSA EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE INSPECTION REPORTS

Atlanta, GA - ROBERT WILSON, 51, of Ellenwood, Georgia, was indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of filing fraudulent reports when he worked as an Inspector for the Transportation Security Administration ("TSA"), Department of Homeland Security, at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. WILSON is scheduled to be arraigned on June 9, 2006 before a federal magistrate.

"The Transportation Security Administration is responsible for ensuring that our airports are safe and secure," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "WILSON betrayed TSA's mission when he allegedly filed work reports containing false information about inspections that he never performed. Today's indictment shows that criminal charges may be brought against employees who deliberately submit false information that undermines TSA's integrity and the airport's security."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information in court: WILSON performed duties as a TSA Inspector from October 2004 to February 2005 at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. His job duties included making inspections of specified secured areas in and around the airport. WILSON was also required to write up reports of the inspections that he performed. From approximately November 2004 to January 2005, WILSON allegedly filed at least eight inspection reports with TSA that contained fraudulent information. In these reports, WILSON falsely claimed that he inspected gates that in fact were closed and inaccessible due to construction. WILSON also allegedly fraudulently reported that he had made an inspection of an airline to ensure its compliance with security regulations.

The indictment charges eight counts of filing fraudulent reports as a TSA employee. Each count carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

Assistant United States Attorney Paul Jones is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment 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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