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FORMER SHERIFF SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL PROGRAM THEFT

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MARK T. FRISBIE, 38, Greencastle, Indiana, was sentenced to 2 months imprisonment and 4 months home detention today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his previously entered guilty plea to Federal program theft. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana State Police.

FRISBIE was the Sheriff of Putnam County, Indiana at the time of the offense. The United States had authority to prosecute this case because the Putnam County Sheriff's Department ("PCSD") received U.S. Department of Justice grant money in the amount of \$27,143 in December 2005 and \$18,384 in September 2006.

On several occasions in 2006 and 2007, FRISBIE converted funds from the PCSD commissary account to pay for unauthorized expenses of his own and his private business, Frisbie Security Consulting, LLC. Specifically, in March 2007, Frisbie Security contracted for protective operations training with the firm Triple Canopy. The purpose of this training was to create a pool of officers who, in their off-duty capacity, could work for Frisbie Security as private contractors trained in protective operations. The training was not conducted under the auspices of PCSD. Approximately one-half of the attendees were regular, reserve or special deputies with PCSD, and the other half were law enforcement officers of other agencies. FRISBIE wrote two checks in the aggregate amount of approximately \$9,000 on the PCSD commissary account to pay for lodging for the attendees. FRISBIE also wrote a check on the commissary account payable to himself in the amount of \$2,100, to cover per diem expenses incurred by himself and others during the training, and another check for approximately \$40 to purchase business cards for his company.

The other misapplications of funds involve payment of travel expenses incurred by his

wife's daughter, travel expenses incurred by himself on a private business trip, reimbursement for meals in situations where he had previously received per diem payments and the purchase of reelection campaign bracelets. The aggregate amount of the embezzlement is \$12,530.46.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 2 years supervised release following FRISBIE's release from imprisonment. FRISBIE was ordered to make full restitution of \$12,530.46.

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