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ARMY HANDWRITING EXPERT SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Atlanta, GA - ALLEN L. SOUTHMAYD, 63, of Jonesboro, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge J. Owen Forrester on a charge of interstate transportation of stolen monies.

"This defendant violated the trust that had been placed in him by the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners by stealing from the Board's funds," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "In addition, he cast a shadow upon the law enforcement agency that also employed him in a position of trust. He must now face the consequences for his actions."

SOUTHMAYD was sentenced to 3 years probation, which includes 6 months of court-ordered community service at the rate of 40 hours per week, to be followed by 6 months of home detention. SOUTHMAYD has made full restitution. SOUTHMAYD pleaded guilty to the charge on September 12, 2007.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: SOUTHMAYD was employed as a forensic document examiner with the United States Army, Criminal Investigative Division. He was also a board member and the treasurer of the American Board of Forensic Document Examiners (ABFDE), which is the national certifying board for forensic document examiners. Between August 4, 2006 and June 25, 2007, SOUTHMAYD, while the ABFDE Treasurer, embezzled \$68,500 from the ABFDE by writing and negotiating 19 checks which he made payable to himself. He subsequently spent much of the money gambling at casinos. SOUTHMAYD has resigned from his positions with the Army and the ABFDE. SOUTHMAYD has also made full restitution to the ABFDE.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

Assistant United States Attorney David Leta prosecuted the case.

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