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**GIPSA Alleges Stony Pike Livestock Commission, Inc.,
Ronald R. Bullard, Jr. and Kevin R. Bullard
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 17, 2012 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) has found evidence that Stony Pike Livestock Commission, Inc. (Stony Pike), Ronald R. Bullard, Jr., (R. Bullard) and Kevin R. Bullard (K. Bullard), Logansport, Ind.:

- failed to properly maintain the custodial account;
- had multiple custodial account shortages caused by failing to deposit into the custodial account an amount equal to the proceeds receivable from the sale of consigned livestock;
- failed to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclosed all the transactions involved in the business; and
- failed to keep and maintain records showing the true identity of livestock purchasers.

GIPSA filed a complaint against Stony Pike, R. Bullard, and K. Bullard on April 27, 2012. The complaint can be found on the GIPSA website: <http://www.gipsa.usda.gov/psp/enforcement.html>. If the allegations are admitted, or proven in an oral hearing, Stony Pike, R. Bullard, and K. Bullard may be ordered to cease and desist from violating the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, suspended, and assessed a civil penalty.

Stony Pike, under the direction, management, and control of R. Bullard, and K. Bullard was engaged in business of a livestock dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce and as a market agency buying on commission; and is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture.

R. Bullard was president of Stony Pike; 50% owner of the stock issued by Stony Pike; and is responsible, along with K. Bullard for the direction, management, and control of Stony Pike.

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K. Bullard was secretary and treasurer of Stony Pike; 50% owner of the stock issued by Stony Pike; and is responsible, along with R. Bullard for the direction, management, and control of Stony Pike.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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