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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**GREENVILLE** - United States Attorney George E.B. Holding announced that a jury in Greenville has convicted **JOSEPH J. MARAK**, 51, of one count of extortion, seventeen counts of bribery, and seventeen counts of receiving a gratuity. The jury returned its verdict Friday, April 8, following a trial in federal court before United States District Judge Malcolm J. Howard.

A Federal Grand Jury returned a Criminal Indictment on September 23, 2010.

**MARAK**, a former employee of the Command Surgeons Office, United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), extorted and accepted bribes and gratuities for official acts he took on behalf of vendors, who were awarded contracts while **MARAK** was a government employee. In all, the evidence established **MARAK** received more than \$13,000 in bribes/gratuities while employed for the government, a further \$350,000 in the first six months after he resigned from government service, and ongoing payments thereafter into 2010.

At sentencing, set for the July 12, 2011, term of court, **MARAK** faces up to 20 years' imprisonment on the extortion count, up to 15

years' imprisonment on each of the bribery counts, and up to 2 years' imprisonment on each of the gratuity counts.

Investigation of the case was conducted by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, with assistance from the Army Criminal Investigative Division (MPFU).

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