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LOGAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER INDICTED FOR FIVE COUNTS OF LYING ABOUT DUI'S

Boston, MA... A Logan Airport air traffic controller was arrested today on a federal indictment charging him with five counts of making a false statement about his criminal record, which included convictions for driving while intoxicated, on a form he was required to submit under oath each year to his employer, the Federal Aviation Administration.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Theodore L. Doherty, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General in New England, announced today that **RONALD MYLES HATCH, II**, age 48, of 7 Cedarwood Road, Lynnfield, Massachusetts, was charged in an Indictment with five counts of using a false document knowing it to contain a false statement. **HATCH** was arrested this morning and appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen at 3:00 p.m. today. He was subsequently released on a \$25,000 unsecured bond.

The Indictment alleges that each year since 1999 through 2003, **HATCH** made false statements on his annual Federal Aviation Administration Form 8500-8 by falsely representing that he had not had any convictions involving driving while intoxicated.

If convicted on these charges, **HATCH** faces up to 5 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 1 year of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine on each of the five counts.

HATCH will be arraigned on the charges by Magistrate Judge Cohen on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of the Inspector General with assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul R. Moore in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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