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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that a Federal Grand Jury in Columbia, South Carolina, returned Indictment(s) against the following:

North Carolina man charged with Tobacco Tax Evasion. William Bradford Ellis, Sr., age 62, of High Point, North Carolina was charged in a one count Indictment with Evasion of Tobacco Tax, a violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5762. The maximum penalty Ellis could receive is 5 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. The case was investigated by agents of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office for prosecution.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in these Indictments are merely accusations and that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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