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Fort Smith Man Arraigned on Charges of Defrauding Investors and the Department of Health and Human Services

Fort Smith, Arkansas - Kenneth Elser, United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, announced that **William Jackson Moates, Jr.**, age 49, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Mark Ford for arraignment on a 25 count Indictment charging him with Money Laundering, Wire Fraud, Theft Concerning a Program Receiving Federal Funds, Mail Fraud, Bank Fraud, and Theft or Embezzlement from Employee Benefit Plan.

The charges in an indictment are only allegations. A person is presumed innocent unless or until he or she is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, and the Department of Labor – Employee Benefits Security Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Aaron Jennen is prosecuting the case for the United States.

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Related court documents may be found on the Public Access to Electronic Records Website at www.Pacer.gov

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