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**ALABAMA MAN CHARGED WITH LYING ABOUT TRAINING
PROVIDED TO FEDERAL BUILDING SECURITY GUARDS**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and BRIAN D. MILLER, Inspector General, U.S. General Services Administration, announced that JERRY BROOKS was arraigned today before United States Magistrate Judge GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN on an Indictment, returned in January 2008, charging BROOKS with making false statements about training provided to security guards posted by his company at various federal buildings in accordance with a contract with the General Services Administration ("GSA"). BROOKS surrendered this morning to agents of GSA's Office of Inspector General. According to the Indictment filed in Manhattan federal court:

JERRY BROOKS was the owner and operator of Engineering Services Unlimited ("ESU"), a corporation that in February 2000, entered into a contract with GSA to supply security guards to be posted at various federal buildings on Long Island, including the United States Courthouse in Central Islip, New York. Pursuant to the terms of the contract, ESU was required to certify to GSA that it had provided each of the security guards with a minimum number of hours of training in a variety of areas, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, use of force, and firearms safety.

On March 22, 2002, JERRY BROOKS submitted forms to GSA in which he certified: that the employee named on each form had completed a minimum of 83 hours of training; the precise number of hours that the employee had spent being trained in each

individual subject; and the date on which the training purportedly took place. He also certified that the statements on the forms were true to the best of his knowledge. According to the Indictment, BROOKS knew that the information supplied to GSA in the training reports was false.

BROOKS is charged with 11 counts of making a false statement within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the United States government. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence on each count of five years in prison and a fine of the greatest of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of the General Services Administration's Office of Inspector General.

This case is being prosecuted by the Public Corruption Unit of the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL A. LEVY is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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