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O'FALLON MAN INDICTED FOR INTERNET FRAUD IN CONNECTION WITH 2006 ST. LOUIS CARDINAL PLAYOFF TICKETS SCHEME

A. Courtney Cox, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that **TIMOTHY P. KEBEL** , age 33, of O'Fallon, Illinois was indicted on June 23, 2010, for wire fraud and mail fraud by a federal grand jury sitting in East St. Louis. The indictment also seeks to forfeit the computers used to commit the offenses.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge and is entitled to a fair trial at which the Government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The crimes of wire and mail fraud each carry a maximum possible penalty of 20 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to $250,000, mandatory restitution, and not more than 3 years' supervised release.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. Weinhoeft.