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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENT CHARGING NINE INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEEDING AUTHORIZED COMPUTER ACCESS

President's Student Loan Records Accessed Without Authority

DAVENPORT, IOWA – United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt announced today that the federal grand jury in Davenport has returned indictments charging nine individuals with exceeding authorized computer access. Specifically, the indictments allege that at various times during the period running from July 26, 2007, through March 13, 2009, the defendants, while employed by a contractor for the United States Department of Education, intentionally exceeded authorized access to a computer, and thereby obtained information from a department and agency of the United States. In this case, the charged defendants are alleged to have accessed the student loan records of the President of the United States, without authorization, either while he was President, President-elect or a candidate for the Presidency. This would be a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1030(a)(2)(B) and 1030(c)(2)(A).

If convicted, each defendant faces up to one year in prison, a fine of not more than $100,000, or both.

United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt reminds the public that each charge is merely an accusation, and that each defendant is presumed innocent of each and every charge until and unless proven guilty. Arraignments in federal court in Davenport are scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010, at 2:00 pm.

The nine defendants listed below were all employees of a Department of Education (DOE) contractor located in Coralville, Iowa at the time of these alleged offenses:

Lage, Andrew J.	Age 54
Roan, Patrick E.	Age 51
Teague, Sandra	Age 54
Phommivong, John P.	Age 29
Rhodes, Anna C.	Age 32

Grenell, Gary N.	Age 58
Torney, Lisa	Age 49
Kline, Julie L.	Age 38
Costoyas, Mercedes	Age 53

This case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa. The case has been investigated by the Department of Education, Office of Inspector General.

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