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[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Special Agent in Charge James E. Tomlinson, Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) announce that DANIELLE HALL was arraigned today in front of the Honorable William Sessions, United State District Court Judge for the District of Vermont, on a federal indictment charging HALL with obstruction of justice and false statement.

The indictment charges HALL, who at the time of the alleged criminal conduct was a legal assistant in the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont, with obstruction of justice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503 (Count 1) and false statement, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2) (Count 2). In Count 1, the Indictment alleges that HALL provided information relevant to a federal criminal grand jury investigation to a target of that investigation. Count 1 of the Indictment carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment and \$250,000 fine. Count 2 of the Indictment carries a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

As a result of the nature of the alleged criminal conduct, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont is recused and the case is being prosecuted on its behalf by the Northern District of New York.

The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel C. Gardner.

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

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