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FBI EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR ACCEPTING GRATUITY

WASHINGTON - FBI employee Curtis Jones was indicted today in Baltimore on charges of accepting an illegal gratuity for the performance of his official duties, Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division announced today.

Jones, a resident of Annapolis, Md., is a physical security specialist with the FBI, working at the Bureau's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jones was charged today in a single count indictment by a federal grand jury with acceptance of an illegal gratuity.

According to the indictment, as an equipment program manager for the FBI, Jones was responsible for negotiating, reviewing and making recommendations regarding a blanket purchase agreement valued at nearly \$2 million for the purchase of upgraded shredders to meet new national security standards for the destruction of classified information. While in that capacity, Jones reviewed and approved the bid of an undisclosed company (Company A) and subsequently served as the liaison for all FBI field offices to submit their purchase requests to Company A for new shredders.

Shortly after visiting the company and approving its machines for purchase, Jones accepted an offer from Company A for him and his family to join Company A's top executives and sales people on a Caribbean cruise over the 2003-2004 New Year's holiday. The total value of the gratuity was approximately \$7,500, including airfare and lodging.

If convicted, Jones faces up to two years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, and supervised release following his incarceration.

The case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorneys Daniel Schwager and Peter Koski of the Department of Justice Criminal Division, Public Integrity Section. The case is being investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Justice.

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