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SPRINGFIELD MAN INDICTED FOR PRETENDING TO BE IRS OFFICER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Springfield, Mo., man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for pretending to be an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

David E. Dawson, 46, of Springfield, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Dawson** falsely pretended to be an officer of the Internal Revenue Service on March 4, 2003, in Greene County, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in today's indictment is simply an accusation and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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