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## WILLARD, MO., MAN INDICTED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE SCHEME

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Willard, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for devising a scheme to fraudulently obtain six motor vehicles valued at more than \$280,097 from a motor home company.

**Glenn Benton Finck**, 52, also known as Beau Dubois, of Willard, Mo., was charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury, which met today in Springfield.

The indictment alleges that **Finck** agreed to purchase certain motor vehicles from Reliable Imports in Springfield by wire transfer or by cashier's check when, in fact, he planned on providing false proof of wire transfers and a forged and counterfeit security.

The federal indictment alleges that **Finck** fraudulently received a total of six motor vehicles, including a 2002 Coachman RV motor home, sold on Nov. 5, 2002, at a purchase price of \$147,351; a 2003 black Mazda 6, four-door hardtop, sold on Jan. 23, 2003, at a purchase price of \$19,632; a 2003 red Mazda Miata, two-door convertible, sold on Jan. 27, 2003, at a purchase price of \$26,049; a 2003 Hyundai Tiburon, two-door hardtop, sold on Feb. 26, 2003, at a purchase price of \$20,900; a 1999 Mercedes C-230, four-door, sold on Feb. 26, 2003, at a purchase price of \$25,685.85; and a 2002 Ford Thunderbird, two-door hardtop, sold on Feb. 26, 2003, at a purchase price of \$40,480.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that on Nov. 5, 2002, **Finck** unlawfully transported the Coachman RV from Missouri to Texas.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that on Jan. 29, 2003, **Finck** induced an employee of Reliable Imports to transport the Mazda Miata from Missouri to Texas.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that on Jan. 29, 2003, in Greene County, **Finck** fraudulently transmitted wire communications via telephone that contained false promises

made to an employee of Reliable Imports.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that on Jan. 31, 2003, in Greene County, **Finck** sent an Airborne Express package containing the Mazda 6's Certificate of Origin to his alias name Beau DeBois in Round Rock, Texas.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that on March 1, 2003, **Finck** induced a Reliable Imports employee to transport the Mercedes Benz from Missouri to Texas.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that on March 1, 2003, **Finck** induced a Reliable Imports employee to transport the Ford Thunderbird from Missouri to Texas.

Count Seven of the federal indictment alleges that on March 1, 2003, in Greene County, **Finck** caused a forged a check to be transported in interstate commerce in the amount of \$86,723.

The federal indictment also includes an asset forfeiture count, which would require **Finck** to forfeit to the United States all property obtained as a result of the federal violations. The forfeiture would include \$100,000, a 2001 Ford Harley Davidson Truck and a 1997 Lexus Sport Utility Vehicle.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the United States Secret Service, the Springfield, Mo., Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Round Rock, Texas, Police Department, the Stockton, Calif., Police Department, the Arizona Department of Motor Vehicles and the Washoe County, Nev., Sheriff's Department.

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