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JEFFERSON CITY MAN INDICTED FOR FALSE MILITARY IDENTIFICATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jefferson City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury today for producing and being in possession of a false identification document that appeared to identify him as an officer in the armed forces of the United States.

Mark Lee Lavine Fowler, also known as Col. Fowler or Dr. Fowler, 40, of Jefferson City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Fowler** produced a false identification document that purported to be an identification card issued by one of the armed forces of the United States, which identified **Fowler** as a member and officer.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Fowler** was in possession of that identification document from at least Aug. 2, 2003, to Aug. 12, 2003.

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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Missouri State Capitol Police Department.

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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