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TEXAS MAN INDICTED FOR USING A FALSE DOCUMENT IN ATTEMPT TO BOARD FLIGHT AT KCI

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Texas man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for using a false document in an attempt to gain access to the jump-seat on a Northwest Airlines flight at Kansas City International Airport.

Douglas Scott Lampert, 45, of San Antonio, Texas, was charged in a one-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that **Lampert** used a false Airman Certificate for the purpose of fraudulently attempting to gain access to the flight deck on Northwest Airlines Flight 1186 to Detroit, Mich., on Aug. 2, 2001. **Lampert** knew the document to be false, the indictment alleges, in that he has never been qualified for the issuance of an Airman Certificate by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Graves explained that the Federal Aviation Administration, which regulates all forms of avionic transportation, issues Airman Certificates to persons qualified to serve as commercial pilots. Flight deck access on all of Northwest Airline's domestic flights is limited to authorized personnel, Graves added, including United States domestic certified pilots.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the 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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations for the U.S. Department of Transportation within the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration.

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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