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## NSA EMPLOYEE INDICTED, ALONG WITH RECYCLING COMPANY AND ITS OWNER AND PRESIDENT, IN BRIBERY AND THEFT SCHEME

Indictment Alleges More than \$110,000 in Bribes as Part of Scheme to Defraud NSA

*Baltimore*, Maryland - A federal grand jury has indicted Adam Wayne Berg, age 48, of Stevenson, Maryland; Jeffrey Mark Harmon, age 44, of Windsor Mill, Maryland; Robert Barry Adcock, age 43, of Parkville, Maryland, and Berg Bros Recycling, Inc., today for bribery, theft and conspiring to defraud the National Security Agency (NSA).

"The indictment charges that Adam Wayne Berg, Jeffrey Mark Harmon and Berg Bros Recycling, Inc. paid more than \$110,000 in bribes to NSA employee Robert Barry Adcock," said U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. "In return, the conspirators allegedly stole valuable recyclable metals from NSA without paying the full value."

The indictment was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; George Ellard, Inspector General of the National Security Agency; Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Special Agent in Charge Robert Craig of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service - Mid-Atlantic Field Office.

"Fraud and corruption cannot be tolerated, pure and simple," said Robert Craig, Special Agent in Charge for the DCIS, Mid-Atlantic Field Office. "The announcement today shows that the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, its law enforcement partners and the Department of Justice will do what it takes to pursue justice against those seeking to line their pockets and hold them accountable."

According to the nine count indictment, Robert Adcock is a civilian employee of NSA, responsible for a waste removal contract, including removal of recyclable materials. Adam Berg was the owner, and Jeffrey Mark Harmon the president, of Berg Bros Recycling, located at 1401 West Hamburg Street in Baltimore, which received, processed and sold metal recyclables. Berg handled the finances and Harmon was responsible for finding customers for Berg Bros.

The indictment alleges that from March 2004 to June 2006, Berg, Berg Bros and Harmon

paid Adcock to insure that metal recyclables were delivered from NSA to Berg Bros. Adcock allegedly directed that NSA's metal recyclables be taken to Berg Bros, then failed to insure that Berg, Berg Bros and Harmon paid NSA for the full value of the recyclables, increasing Berg Bros' profit. Berg, Berg Bros and Harmon allegedly failed to pay NSA for the full value of the metal received, and diverted part of the money to illicitly pay Adcock. According to the indictment, Adcock located copper and other metal at Ft. Meade that belonged to NSA, and directed that the metals be taken to Berg Bros.

In April 2006, Harmon allegedly changed employment to a new metal recycling company and caused cash or cash loaded onto an ATM card to be delivered from the new company to Adcock.

According to the indictment, Berg, Berg Bros and Harmon paid Adcock over \$110,000 as part of the scheme, which Adcock failed to report on his financial disclosure form to NSA.

The defendants face a maximum sentence of five years in prison for conspiracy to defraud the United States and to commit bribery and steal government property; a maximum of 15 years in prison for bribery; and a maximum of 10 years in prison for each of six counts of theft of government property. Adcock also faces five years in prison for making false statements on his financial disclosure form. The defendants may also be required to forfeit the proceeds of the crime and pay criminal fines of \$250,000 per count. The initial appearances in court of the defendants have not yet been scheduled.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Assistant United States Attorney Joyce K. McDonald, who is prosecuting the case.