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Grand Rapids, Michigan – March 14, 2006 – United States Attorney Margaret M. Chiara announced that on March 9, 2006, Jeanne M. Miller, Charles B. Miller, Kenneth M. Goff, and Dolores I. Goff, appeared in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids following their arrests on a twelve-count Indictment that charges them with offenses including conspiracy, bank fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, credit-card fraud, identity theft, aggravated identity theft, and cashing U.S. Savings Bonds using a forged power of attorney.

The charges stem from the Goffs' and Millers' operation of an adult in-home care facility in Lansing, Michigan, known as Britten Manor, which the Goffs owned and operated from August 1995 until they sold it to new owners in August 2004.

The Indictment alleges that, beginning in the Summer of 2004 and continuing thereafter, the Goffs and Millers exploited their care-giver relationship with Phoebe Carol Ann Shull, a former resident of Britten Manor who suffered from severe dementia until her death in February 2005, to unlawfully enrich themselves at Ms. Shull's expense. Specifically, the Indictment alleges that the Goffs and Millers, at times individually and at times collectively, used Ms. Shull's existing credit card accounts to buy things for themselves, opened new credit accounts in her name and then used those accounts for their own benefit, obtained new-car financing in her name in order to purchase vehicles for themselves, cashed in \$50,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds belonging to Ms. Shull and then spent the money on themselves, and obtained funds from one or more of Ms. Shull's bank accounts

which they then also spent on themselves.

The charges do not involve the current owners or operators of Britten Manor.

The Goffs are charged in two of the counts, Charles Miller is charged in eight of the counts, and Jeanne Miller is charged in all 12 counts. The offenses carry maximum prison terms of from five to thirty years. All four defendants are scheduled to be arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Judge Joseph G. Scoville in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. The case is being jointly investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Major-Case Team of the Michigan State Police. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Hagen Frank.

The charges in an indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until they are proven guilty in federal court.

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