

## **Installer and Alleged Accomplice Indicted in Connection with Scheme to Defraud DIRECTV**

**EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Sept. 13, 2006** – DIRECTV installer Shawn James and another man, David Garnett, who posed as a customer, have been charged by the U. S. Attorney in Philadelphia with two counts of wire fraud in a scheme to defraud DIRECTV.

According to the indictment, Garnett placed fictitious orders for installation of DIRECTV equipment and James, a technician for a team of installers in the Philadelphia area, was paid for work he never performed. If convicted, the two are facing a maximum sentence of 60 years in prison, a \$2 million fine and three years supervised release. The two were charged with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

The year long investigation was conducted jointly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the U.S. Postal Inspectors and DIRECTV's Office of Signal Integrity. DIRECTV would like to thank Special Agent Pat Diaz with the F.B.I. and U.S. Postal Inspector Carol Balke for their investigative efforts and determination throughout this complex investigation.

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