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MADIGAN: GRAND JURY INDICTS EX-MARION COUNTY SHERIFF FOR THEFT, OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced today that a grand jury indicted ex-Marion County Sheriff Bradford Wolenhaupt on two counts of theft of government property and one count of official misconduct.

The Marion County indictment alleges that Wolenhaupt wrote checks from two Sheriff's Office accounts to pay for personal expenses. The indictment also alleges that the former sheriff, who resigned in August 2008, stole cash seized during a drug arrest in 2007. Wolenhaupt, 55, of Centralia, Ill., was first elected Sheriff in 2002, having previously served as a Deputy Sheriff in Marion County.

Wolenhaupt is scheduled for arraignment on Dec. 9, 2008, in Marion County Circuit Court.

Madigan's Financial Crimes Division and Marion County State's Attorney Matthew Wilzbach are jointly prosecuting the case. Bureau Chief Ed Carter is representing Madigan's office in the case.

The public is reminded that these are merely charges and that the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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