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AIRCRAFT PARTS SUPPLIER CHARGED WITH FRAUD

R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Barbara Barnet, Special Agent in Charge, Miami Field Office, United States Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General, John Khin, Resident Agent in Charge, Fort Lauderdale Resident Agency, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and Richard Berger, Lead Agent, Detachment 117-Melbourne OL-A, United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations, announced today that defendant, George Myles, Jr., the owner of Miles Aviation, Inc., located in Pompano Beach, Florida, was indicted by a Grand Jury sitting in Ft. Lauderdale and charged with violating the Aircraft Safety Act of 2000. Specifically, George Myles, Jr. was charged with ten (10) counts of making materially fraudulent representations concerning aircraft parts, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 38.

If convicted, George Myles, Jr. faces a statutory maximum sentence of imprisonment of ten (10) years, followed by a term of supervised release not to exceed three (3) years, and a \$250,000 fine, on each count.

As alleged in the Indictment, between July 2005 and February 2006, George Myles, Jr., the sole owner Miles Aviation, Inc., was awarded numerous Department of Defense contracts to provide various aircraft parts to the United States Air Force. These contracts called for parts to be provided in either "new" or "new surplus" condition.

Nevertheless, and despite the contract specifications, Myles would purchase the requested parts on the open market, usually in an "as removed" used condition. Thereafter, Myles would send the used parts to the U.S. military, certifying on an

ATA 106 Part or Material Certification Form that the requested parts were "new" or "new surplus," when in fact they were used.

Additionally, Myles provided numerous aircraft parts to civilian purchasers, and similarly shipped these parts with either a materially false ATA 106, or included an FAA Form 8130, certifying that the requested parts were airworthy. However, George Myles, Jr. and Miles Aviation, Inc., were not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to perform any inspections, repairs, or overhauls, and thus could not certify the airworthiness of aircraft parts.

Mr. Acosta commended the investigative efforts of the United States Department of Transportation, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Marc Anton.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida at www.usdoj.gov/usao/fls. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida at www.flsd.uscourts.gov.