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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On Tuesday, July 22, 2008, an Ada County Grand Jury indicted Richard Phillips and Michael Hodge on numerous counts of Lewd Conduct with a Minor under Sixteen and Sexual Battery of a Sixteen/Seventeen Year old involving two minor females. The indictments came after the Ada County Sheriff's Office investigated allegations of suspected sexual molestation at Phillips home in Eagle, ID on July 5 and 6, 2008.

Phillips and Hodge were both arrested and posted \$200,000.00 bonds in each of their cases. A condition of the bond in both cases is a strict no contact order with any of the named victims.

The Ada County Grand Jury additionally indicted Phillips on a new charge of Felony Influencing a State's Witness. After Phillips was released on his bond, law enforcement investigated new allegations of potential witness tampering. Phillips is charged with attempting to influence two possible witnesses by offering money to them in an attempt to influence their testimony.

Judge Darla Williamson ordered that the Phillips be arrested on the new charge and that a new bond of \$500,00.00 be issued. She additionally ordered

that if Phillips posts the bond, that he be placed on house arrest pending any further criminal proceedings.

District Court arraignments for the two will be set for further proceedings.