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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TIM DeCHRISTOPHER,

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

30 U.S.C. § 195(a)(1) (Violation of  
Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing  
Reform Act); 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (False  
Statement)

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Case: 2:09-cr-00183  
Assigned To : Benson, Dee  
Assign. Date : 4/1/2009  
Description: USA v.

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**Count 1**  
**30 U.S.C. § 195 (a)(1)**  
**Violation of Federal Onshore Oil and Gas**  
**Leasing Reform Act**

1. In 1987, Congress enacted the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act, which established significant changes to the regulations for oil and gas leasing. One of the key provisions of the Act was the establishment of a competitive bidding process for oil and gas leases. This part of the Act was designed to address provisions in the former

All in violation of 30 U.S.C. § 195(a)(1), and punishable by 30 U.S.C. § 195(b).

**Count 2**  
**18 U.S.C. § 1001**  
**False Statement**

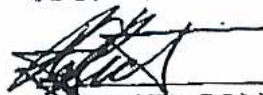
On or about December 19, 2008, in the Central Division of the District of Utah,

**TIM DeCHRISTOPHER**

Defendant herein, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Bureau of Land Management, an agency of the United States, did knowingly and willfully make a false and fraudulent material representation in that Defendant completed and signed a "Bidder Registration Form," that certified Defendant had a good faith intention to acquire an oil and gas lease on lands offered for auction by the United States, when in fact Defendant had no intention of acquiring such lease.


All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and punishable by the same.

A TRUE BILL:



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FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

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