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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**DR. LUCIEN MOOLENAAR, II,  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
INDICTED FOR CONVERSION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

United States Attorney David M. Nissman announced today the unsealing of a two-count indictment against DR. LUCIEN A. MOOLENAAR, II, DDS, former Acting Commissioner of the Department of Health and current Deputy Commissioner of Public Health Services for the Virgin Islands. The indictment was returned by a federal grand jury sitting on St. Thomas.

The indictment charges Dr. Moolenaar with stealing \$102,497.85 in government funds. Specifically, the indictment alleges that, from July 1995 through September 2000, Dr. Moolenaar erroneously received 63 monthly payments from the government in the amount of \$1,626.95. At no time during this five-year period did Dr. Moolenaar report these overpayments. Instead, he used the money for his personal benefit.

Count One of the indictment charges Dr. Moolenaar with conversion of government funds in violation of federal law. Count Two charges Dr. Moolenaar with grand larceny in violation of territorial law. The penalty for the federal offense is a maximum of ten (10) years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$250,000. The penalty for the territorial offense is a maximum of ten (10) years imprisonment.

Attorney Nissman stated that the case is being prosecuted jointly by the United States Attorneys Office for the District of the Virgin Islands and the U.S. Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section, Washington, D.C. He commended the Virgin Islands Office of the inspector General for its lead role in this investigation. He further indicated that “this is the first case being prosecuted by the newly assembled Anti-Corruption Joint Task Force, comprised of officials within the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of the Virgin Islands, and numerous federal inspectors general led by the Inspector General for the Interior Department and represents a joint endeavor to prosecute acts public corruption among government officials and employees.”

United States Attorney Nissman issued a reminder that, as in all criminal cases, the indictment is merely a charging document, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in court.