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**Greg Phares Honored by FBI for Work on Operation
“Illegal Motion” – Ninth Person Indicted in Investigation of
Baton Rouge Court System**

BATON ROUGE – Greg Phares, who heads the Criminal Investigation Division of the Louisiana State Inspector General, has been honored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his work on Operation “Illegal Motion” a public corruption investigation of the Baton Rouge court system. “Illegal Motion” is an ongoing investigation handled by the recently announced Public Corruption Working Group that includes the FBI, United States Attorney, Louisiana State Inspector General, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General. Office of State Inspector General.

Phares, who served as Chief of Police for the Baton Rouge City Police Department, and was also the Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish, joined the Inspector General’s office in June of 2008. Inspector General Stephen Street

noted that Phares has played a critical role in transitioning the office to law enforcement after the passage of enabling legislation in 2008. "Greg brings a wealth of knowledge and law enforcement experience to the table, and we are honored to have him here. It is not surprising that he should receive this honor, and the results of this and other investigations in which he has participated speak for themselves."



Greg Phares, far right, received a certificate of appreciation signed by FBI Director Robert Mueller for "Exceptional Service In The Public Interest", for his work on Operation "Illegal Motion". He is accompanied by Inspector General Stephen Street, left, and FBI Supervisory Special Agent Edward Michel, center.

David Dugas, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Baton Rouge, announced that Michael Steven Lee, of Baton Rouge, was charged Tuesday with federal racketeering and other offenses related to the payment of bribes to dismiss drug-possession and domestic violence cases. Lee, 46, is the ninth person charged since October in the ongoing investigation.

For further details, see the following:

[Corruption Charges Filed -- Ninth Person Indicted In Probe of Baton Rouge Courts](#)

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