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DEFRAUDING PERSONAL INJURY CLIENTS**

Today the Jefferson County Grand Jury returned an indictment against Louisville attorney Andrew Clooney arising out of a scheme which took place between July 2015 and August 2018 wherein Clooney is alleged to have settled personal injury cases without the knowledge or authorization of his clients and then stole all or part of the settlement proceeds. Clooney, Christel Clooney, his wife, and Marlene B. Estrada, a Clooney employee, were all indicted on seven counts of Theft By Failure To Make Required Disposition of Property Over \$10,000, nine counts of Theft By Failure To Make Required Disposition of Property Over \$500 But Less Than \$10,000 and nineteen counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree. The forgery charges result from the defendants having allegedly forged clients' signatures to settlement agreements and Estrada fraudulently notarizing those signatures. The defendants face a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison.

The case has been assigned to Division Twelve of Jefferson Circuit Court and the three defendants are expected to be formally arraigned there on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Doug Meisel is the prosecutor.