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# FBI Agent Indicted; First in Its History

WASHINGTON (UPI) — For the first time in the FBI's 54-year history, an agent was indicted yesterday, on charges that he lied under oath about accepting payoffs from a New York mob figure.

Attorney General Griffin Bell said the indictment, handed up in Brooklyn, charged special agent Joseph Stabile with two counts of perjury.

Stabile is alleged to have accepted \$10,000 of a \$15,000 payoff from John Caputo, a gambling figure involved with the mob family of the late Joseph Colombo, Justice Department sources said.

The FBI said in a statement that "as of this moment, special agent Stabile is being relieved of his duties."

It said Director William Webster "will consider further appropriate action consistent with federal regulations, the

rights of the accused and the best interests of the FBI."

The grand jury acted just before expiration of the five-year statute of limitations on prosecuting Stabile, 50, who has been with the FBI since 1962.

A fellow agent, George Moresco, agreed to testify against Stabile long after learning of the payoff, officials said.

"In 1973, he [Moresco] was under the impression the bureau didn't want to discover allegations of bribery" because it would affect its image, one official said.

The indictment charges that Stabile and a former New York City police sergeant shared a \$15,000 payment from Caputo after falsely representing that the money would result in dismissal of his indictment.

"In truth, the case would have been dismissed against Caputo anyway," the indictment said.