Federal grand jury indicts creator of Liberty Dollar, others

Officials file charges against four involving business' private currency

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(PHOTO CAPTION) Bernard von NotHaus displays a silver version of the Liberty dollar private voluntary barter currency.

(PHOTO CAPTION) One of the 2009 Liberty Dollar silver medallions suggests that the precious metal pieces are INFLATION PROOF SILVER.

A federal grand jury in North Carolina has indicted the monetary architect for the Liberty Dollar private currency and three associates on charges in connection with the sale and alleged use of the Liberty Dollars as current money.

The indictment also seeks criminal forfeiture of tons of gold, silver, platinum and copper Liberty Dollar medallions and more than \$250,000 in cash that federal authorities seized along with business records in November 2007 in locations in Evansville, Ind., where Liberty Services Inc. is located; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where the Liberty Dollars were manufactured and stored; and Asheville, N.C., where one of the Liberty Services' regional currency officers resides.

The indictments against the Liberty Dollar's creator, Bernard von NotHaus, 65, of Honolulu; two employees of Liberty Services Inc., Sarah Jane Bledsoe, 42, and Rachelle L. Moseley, 34, both of Evansville; and William Kevin Innes, a regional currency officer for the Liberty Dollar in Asheville, were filed under seal May 19 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina in Statesville. The seal was lifted June 3.

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