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United States Marshals Service to Auction Jewelry, Furniture, Antiques, and Other Personal Property of Bernard L. and Ruth Madoff

New York, N.Y.-More than 400 pieces of personal property, jewelry, and antiques from Bernard L. Madoff and his wife, Ruth, will be sold during a live and online auction in New York City on November 13, 2010, by the United States Marshals Service. The property was forfeited and seized in connection with the criminal prosecution of Bernard L. Madoff by the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. The proceeds from the auction will be deposited in the United States Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Fund to compensate the victims of this multi-billion dollar fraud. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks prior to the auction.



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“A diamond ring, grand piano, and personalized items are just a few of the lots that will be put up on the auction block”, said Joseph R. Guccione, U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of New York. “These pieces are the last of what once occupied the homes and lives of Bernard and Ruth Madoff’s residences in New York City and Montauk, N.Y.”

Diamond Ring: One ladies diamond engagement ring consisting of: one emerald cut diamond weighing 10.54 cts. Diamond is „VS2’ in clarity, „F’ in color. Diamond is of extremely fine proportions with GIA certificate # 8376741. Diamond is set in a platinum hand-made mounting with two baguette diamonds on each side, total weight .90 cts. Baguettes are „VS’ in clarity „F’ in color.

Steinway and Sons Grand Piano with Bench: Model M, Serial Number 188880, Circa 1917. Diagonally measures: 6' 2", 38"½" height.

Slippers: [1 pair] Black velveteen slippers, size 8½, red quilted lining, “BLM” embroidered with gold thread.

The auction will take place:

**Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 10 a.m.
Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers
811 7th Avenue @ 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019**

Live Public Preview: Friday, November 12, 2010, at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Building 25, Brooklyn NY 11205. Items to be sold can be previewed at www.txauction.com or www.usmarshals.gov/madoff. More details to follow (hours to be announced).

Press Preview: Wednesday, November 10, 2010. To attend press viewing, you must register no later than Monday, November 5 by emailing Roland Ubaldo at Roland.Ubaldo@usdoj.gov. Please include your name, your news agency or affiliation, and the names of persons accompanying you. You must register to attend. More details to follow (hours to be announced).

The United States Marshals Service administers the Department of Justice's Asset Forfeiture Program by managing and disposing of properties seized by federal law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Attorney's offices nationwide. The program has become a key part of the federal government's efforts to combat major criminal activities. The Marshals Service currently manages approximately 18,000 assets with a value of more than \$2 billion.

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