

U.S. Department of Justice charges congressional representative with misuse of funds



Washington, June 27 (RHC)-- The U.S. Justice Department is alleging that California Congressman Duncan Hunter used campaign money to fund expenses related to at least five extramarital affairs. Court filings show that Hunter used the money to pay for hotel rooms, car services and bar tabs for relationships with congressional aides and lobbyists.

Hunter and his wife were indicted last year after they allegedly spent a quarter of a million dollars of campaign funds on personal expenses including vacations and their children's tuition. Hunter's wife pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors earlier this month. Duncan Hunter's trial is set to be held in September.

Hunter was one of the first members of Congress to endorse Trump for president in 2016. More recently, he came to the defense of accused war criminal Navy SEAL Edward Gallagher, who is currently on trial

for allegedly shooting unarmed Iraqi civilians and killing a wounded captive teenage combatant. Hunter defended Gallagher by saying he and his unit probably killed “hundreds of civilians” while serving in Iraq in 2004.

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