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The billion-dollar fraud investigation of **Stanford Financial Group** has tentacles, and indictments, that reach into South Florida.

A federal indictment, unsealed in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, charges Bruce Perraud with overseeing a document-shredding session in February at a Stanford office near Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

"Bruce Perraud supervised the representative of the shredding company as that individual packed a 95-gallon bin with documents," according to the indictment.

While Perraud supervised the document shredding, four other Stanford Financial Group employees made approximately eight trips between the office and the documents shredder truck with additional documents for destruction, the indictment states.

Perraud was arrested near Naples on Friday, according to a Department of Justice news release.

Perraud was a global security specialist for Stanford and as such knew about a warning to all employees that they should not destroy any documents, according to the indictment.

According to the indictment, Perraud opened an email from the Stanford receiver on Feb. 17 that warned employees not to destroy documents. But on Feb. 23 he called the shredding company asking them to come to Stanford's Fort Lauderdale office.

The SEC filed civil charges in February accusing Allen Stanford and two of his top executives of allegedly orchestrating a fraudulent investment scheme involving the sale of \$8 billion worth of certificates of deposit. Stanford, who continues to deny the charges, surrendered to the **FBI** in Virginia on **Thursday** following his indictment by a Houston grand jury.

Stanford Financial had offices in Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale and Miami. Perraud's indictment is the first in South Florida connected to the investigation.

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