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Haley indictment imminent? Stay tuned...

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Two well-placed legal experts have independently told Palmetto Public Record they expect the U.S. Department of Justice to issue an indictment against South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on charges of tax fraud as early as this week.

A highly ranked federal official has also privately confirmed rumblings of an investigation and possible indictment of the governor, though the official was not aware of the specific timeframe.

Yesterday, Palmetto Public Record **exclusively reported** that the Internal Revenue Service has been investigating since March of 2011 the Sikh worship center run by Gov. Haley's father. At least **five lawsuits** have been filed against the Sikh Society of South Carolina since 2010, alleging that the group bilked contractors out of nearly \$130,000 for the construction of a new temple.

Gov. Haley is reported to have managed the temple's finances as late as 2003, and our sources believe any indictment would center on what happened to the missing money.

Palmetto Public Record will post a story later this afternoon detailing the temple's shady finances and the governor's possible involvement. Stay tuned...

EDIT: For more on the ongoing federal investigation of Gov. Haley, check out our followup story, **Nikki Haley and the Temple Loan**.