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NEW ORLEANS WOMAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY TO STEAL HOMELESS MONEY

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LOLA DAVIS, age 43, a resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, was sentenced by U. S. District Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt to three years probation to conspiracy to steal federal program funds, announced U. S. Attorney Jim Letten.

According to court documents, DAVIS previously pled on September 10, 2008. DAVIS along with her sister, MARGARE SEGURA, a/k/a Margare Lewis, were charged with conspiracy to steal Department of Housing and Urban Development funds granted to Catholic Charities through UNITY of Greater New Orleans for the Supportive Housing Program, a program designed to assist homeless individuals with free housing and lifeskills training. SEGURA was also charged with theft of funds from a federally funded program and making false statements and representations to FEMA when she presented the agency. SEGURA pled guilty on November 5, 2008 and will be sentenced on February 11, 2009.

The case was investigated by agents with Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development-Office of Inspector General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Emily Greenfield.

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