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## **SELMA, AL WOMAN INDICTED FOR H.U.D. FRAUD**

MOBILE, AL -- Ella Webster was indicted by the federal grand jury today in a one count indictment for theft of public money. The indictment charges that Webster willfully stole, without authority, approximately \$11,441.00 in monies of the United States by receiving and using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds to which she was not entitled due to the under-reporting of her annual income. This charge carries a maximum prison term of 10 years confinement.

The case is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General. This case will be prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Alabama.

As in all criminal cases, the Indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she is proven guilty at trial.

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