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OWNER AND OPERATOR OF COVENANT CONSTRUCTION UNLIMITED, INC.
INDICTED ON 15 COUNTS OF FRAUD AND MONEY LAUNDERING

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces an indictment charging Rosa Barrett Herrera (age 43, of New Port Richey) with fraud and money laundering. Herrera surrendered to authorities this morning. If convicted, she faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each of the 15 fraud counts. The indictment also notifies Herrera that the United States is seeking a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$1.1 million, the gross proceeds of the fraud.

According to the indictment, Herrera, operating through Covenant Construction Unlimited, defrauded Capital Plus Equity, a company located in Tennessee, that provided financing to business clients. Herrera allegedly sold false and fictitious invoices to Capital Plus Equity for which she received financing.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry A. Zitek.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.