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**FORMER HOMER HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR
PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF PUBLIC MONEY**

Over \$400,000 in checks written for work that was never done

Shreveport, La: Michelle Green, 34, of North Little Rock, Ark., former Executive Director of the Homer Housing Authority, and one of six defendants indicted in July for defrauding the HHA, pleaded guilty Monday to Theft of Government Money and Property, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced. The guilty plea, along with the guilty pleas of five co-defendants, were entered before U. S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote. Sentencing for all defendants is set for February 12, 2013 starting at 9:30 a.m.

At the guilty pleas it was established that Green caused checks to be issued to friends and relatives for work that was not being performed. Several persons readily admitted that they got the checks from Green at her instigation and would cash the checks and kick back the majority of the funds to Ms. Green. The total amount involved was over \$400,000. The scheme began in late 2007 and continued until Green was fired in April 2011.

The other co-defendants indicted with Green and pleading guilty yesterday are: Curtis L. Mays, 34, of Harker Heights, Tx.; Katrina G. Robertson, 38, of Haynesville, La.; Flack D. Robertson, 34, of Haynesville, La.; Aaron Perry, 29, of Haynesville, La.; and Katrina Henderson, 33, of Shreveport.

Each defendant faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

The case was investigated by HUD-Office of Inspector General and the FBI. The case is being prosecuted by Senior Litigation Counsel Joseph G. Jarzabek.

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