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### **PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY MAN ADMITS LYING TO GET A JOB WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**

CAMDEN, N.J. – A Pennsauken, N.J., man who lied in order to secure a position with the U.S. Census Bureau admitted today that he committed crimes by providing false information to the government, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Kuni, 48, entered a guilty plea – to three counts of an Indictment charging him with making false statements to and concealing material facts from the United States and one count of fraudulent use of an identification document – before United States District Judge Noel L. Hillman in Camden federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

The false statements charges arose from fraudulent information Kuni provided on application forms submitted to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Kuni admitted that on March 2, 2009, he completed a U.S. Census Bureau Census Employment Inquiry form for a position with the 2010 Census. On the application, Kuni used the name “Jamie R. Shepard” and a false date of birth. Kuni also submitted a Department of Homeland Security Employment Eligibility Verification form using the false information. To support his application, Kuni presented a Burlington County College Identification card which used Kuni’s photograph but was in the name of “Shepard.” Eventually, the U.S. Census Bureau offered “Jamie Shepard” a position as an Enumerator for the 2010 Census.

On April 27, 2010, Kuni reported for training with the U.S. Census Bureau. He then signed various forms, including a Declaration for Federal Employment, again using the false information, and falsely answering “no” to the question of whether he had been convicted, been imprisoned, been on probation, or been on parole in the last 10 years.

Kuni admitted that he used the name Jamie Shepard and a false date of birth to avoid having to disclose his prior criminal convictions.

Each of the three false statements charges to which Kuni pleaded guilty (Counts One, Two, and Three) carry a maximum potential penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The use of a fraudulent identification document charge (Count 13) carries a maximum potential penalty of one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for March 2, 2011.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited the Federal Protective Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate; the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General; Pennsauken Township Police Department; and Camden County Prosecutor's Office with the investigation leading to today's guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason M. Richardson of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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Defense counsel: Lori Koch, Esq.; Maggie Moy, Esq., Camden, N.J.