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**FORMER NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED FOR  
DEFRAUDING FEDERAL SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that EDDIE SPELLER, 32, a former New York City Police Department ("NYPD") police officer, was sentenced by United States District Judge DEBORAH A. BATTIS in Manhattan federal court earlier today in connection with his theft of United States Government funds. According to the Information filed in this case and statements made in court:

SPELLER began receiving Section 8 housing subsidies in 2003, and from 2005 to 2007, underreported his income in order to continue receiving the subsidies, to which he was no longer entitled. Although SPELLER was hired by the NYPD in 2005, he never reported to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") that he had been hired by the NYPD as a police officer, and that his annual salary had increased as a result. SPELLER received more than \$30,000 in Section 8 subsidies for which he was not eligible. He pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge BATTIS in March 2008.

Judge BATTIS sentenced SPELLER to a term of three years' probation, and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$32,276 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. GARCIA thanked the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General for its work in the investigation, and thanked the NYPD's Internal Affairs Bureau for its assistance and cooperation in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney RUA KELLY is in charge of this prosecution.