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**CAMDEN MOTHER AND DAUGHTER CHARGED WITH LYING
TO FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

Columbia, S.C. – United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated today that Ruth E. Craig, age 55, and her daughter Jennifer Vines, age 27, both of Camden, South Carolina, were charged in a five-count Indictment with making false statements on Family Declarations that they submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to apply for federal housing assistance.

The indictment alleges that the women failed to report certain household income when applying for the federal aid, and falsely claimed that Vines was a full-time student. Investigators calculate that approximately \$15,000 was paid to the defendants as a result of the false claims.

The maximum penalty each defendant faces on each count is a fine of \$250,000 and imprisonment for five years.

This case was investigated by agents of the Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Dean A. Eichelberger of the Columbia office

for prosecution. The United States Attorney stated that the charges contained in this Indictment are merely allegations, and that all defendants are innocent until proven guilty.