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### **COWPENS WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR FRAUD**

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated today that April Nicole Huckabee Garrett, age 27, of Cowpens, South Carolina, has been ordered to serve a term of one year in federal prison. The sentence was handed down by United States District Judge Henry F. Floyd yesterday in Spartanburg. Garrett pled guilty last June to two counts of Misuse of a Social Security Number and one count of Passing a Counterfeit U.S. Postal Money Order.

In 2007, Garrett engaged in a series of financial crimes to include opening bogus banking and credit card accounts using false social security numbers, passing counterfeit checks and money orders, and accessing other people's bank accounts using a computer. Through the various methods utilized, Garrett stole

approximately \$26,000.00. A part of her sentence requires that she make complete restitution to the victims.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Postal Inspection Service and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David C. Stephens of the Greenville office.

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