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COLUMBIA WOMAN CHARGED WITH STEALING HOUSING FUNDS

Columbia, S.C. – United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated today that Quinada L. Sumter, age 24, of Columbia, was charged in a federal Indictment with stealing housing assistance money from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Investigators allege that Sumter applied for and received approximately \$22,000 in federal housing assistance for two separate apartments at the same time, claiming both as her primary residence.

The maximum penalty Sumter could receive is a fine of \$250,000 and imprisonment for ten 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 charge contained in the Indictment is merely an allegation, and that all defendants are innocent until proven guilty.

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