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## **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT**

### *Employee Paid for Personal Items with Government Credit Cards*

ATLANTA, GA - MICHELLE DUNMEYER, 46, of Atlanta, Georgia, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to two counts of theft of government funds.

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said, “Ms. Dunmeyer, an employee of the United States Bureau of Prisons, abused the public’s trust when she used government credit cards to pay for personal items and then created false paperwork to cover up her theft. When her crimes were discovered, she lost her job with the government. Now she has pleaded guilty to felony offenses and is awaiting sentencing.”

“The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General is committed to vigorously investigating and referring for prosecution Department employees who betray the trust placed in them by stealing public funds for personal use,” said Teresa Gulotta-Powers, Special Agent in Charge Miami Field Office of the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General.

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: DUNMEYER was employed as a Contract Specialist at the United States Penitentiary-Atlanta. Her duties included purchasing items needed by the employees at the penitentiary. She was given a government credit card to make the purchases. She was also given access to a government gasoline credit card to use to purchase gasoline for government vehicles that she drove to perform her duties. DUNMEYER used her government credit card to purchase more than \$15,000 worth of personal items, including Apple iPods, Apple iPod shuffles, Nintendo Game Boys, televisions, DVD players, and uniforms for her son’s baseball team. She then submitted false documents to make it appear that the purchases were for legitimate government expenses. She also used a government gasoline credit card to pay for more than \$6,000 worth of gasoline for her personal car. When she was interviewed about the purchases, she admitted making them, but falsely claimed that her supervisor authorized her to charge personal items on her government credit card.

DUNMEYER was indicted on October 28, 2008, on five counts of stealing government funds and two counts of making material false statements to the special agents investigating the case. She pleaded guilty to two counts of stealing government funds with an aggregate value of more than \$1,000. She could receive a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count. She will also be ordered to pay restitution to the United States. In determining the actual sentence, the Court will consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines, which are not binding but provide appropriate sentencing ranges for most offenders.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 13, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Atlanta, before United States District Judge Willis B. Hunt, Jr.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorney William L. McKinnon, Jr. is prosecuting the case.

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