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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following:

PLEAS:

- Jaime Ramirez-Fuentes, 39, of Hammond, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers or salts of its isomers. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Custom Office of Homeland Security Investigations and the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Sentencing has been set for 2/28/12. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jennifer Chang-Adiga and Jacqueline Jacobs.
- Alondra Deshazer, 26, of Chicago, Illinois, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offenses of conspiracy to defraud the United States and misuse of a Social Security Number. Sentencing has been set for 2/28/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.
- Joniette Davis, 27, of Indianapolis, Indiana, pled guilty before Chief Judge Philip Simon to the felony offense of conspiracy and attempt to commit fraud with identification documents in the case *US v Willie Harris et al.* Sentencing has been set for 2/14/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.
- Angela Thomas, 43, of Dolton, Illinois, pled guilty before Judge Rudy Lozano to the felony offense of making false statements in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Postal Inspection Service by stating to a US Postal Inspector in Hammond that she did not know that another individual, an Indiana resident, was submitting fraudulent documentation to the Illinois Action for Children, a federally subsidized not-for-profit organization, when in fact she knew the individual was not entitled to the funds.

Sentencing has been set for 1/12/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Toi Houston.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS:

- Darrell Loving, Jr., 22, of Gary, Indiana, was sentenced by Chief Judge Philip Simon to 84 months imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offenses of distribution of cocaine and possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation GRIT Task Force and the Indiana State Police. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Ratcliffe.