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SHREVEPORT WOMAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR MAILING A THREATENING COMMUNICATION

Shreveport, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today the sentencing of Latonya Kemp, 30, of Shreveport, La. Kemp was sentenced to 12 months in prison and three years of supervised release for mailing a threatening communication to an Administrative Law Judge. Today's sentence was imposed by U. S. District Judge Donald E. Walter.

Kemp applied for disability benefits from the United States Social Security Administration (SSA) in October 2008 and was subsequently denied. The denial of Kemp's disability benefits was upheld by an SSA Administrative Law Judge on March 12, 2010. On March 21, 2010, Kemp left telephone messages at the judge's residence concerning her failed disability application, and on the following day, March 22, 2010, Kemp mailed a handwritten letter to the judge's residence, making threats to injure his property and reputation. Kemp made such threats for the specific purpose of obtaining a reversal of the previous denial of her SSA disability application.

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "The U. S. Attorney's Office takes seriously its obligation to enforce the laws designed to protect the judges of the United States. We will actively pursue prosecutions against individuals who use the mail to send threatening communications designed to influence the outcome of judicial proceedings."

The case was investigated by Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicole O. Snyder.

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