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**AGENT FOR NON-PROFIT SENTENCED FOR
THEFT OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS**

Monroe, La. - Stephanie A. Finley, United States Attorney, announced today that Donald Gregory "Greg" Miller, 51, of West Monroe, was sentenced Monday to 18 months in prison for theft of federal grant funds. Miller was also sentenced to three years of supervised release and was ordered to pay \$130,353 in restitution to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Miller is the former president of Our Father's Arms, a non-profit religious organization based in Rayville, Louisiana. From 2003 to 2008, Miller applied for and received federal grant funds through HUD's Supportive Housing Program, to defray the cost of providing housing and supportive services for homeless persons in Northeast Louisiana. A federal investigation later revealed that Miller used grant funds which had been disbursed to Our Father's Arms to pay for personal and living expenses of himself and his family.

U. S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "The funds were awarded to help citizens in the Rayville community obtain housing. The defendant was responsible for ensuring that this grant was being used for that purpose, but he decided that his greed took precedence over those who needed housing services. My office is committed to prosecuting anyone who defrauds grant programs. I encourage anyone who suspects fraud, waste and abuse related to federal grants to contact HUD - Office of Inspector General at 1-800-347-3735."

This case was investigated by HUD - Office of Inspector General and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Nicole O. Snyder.

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