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**MOUNT VERNON WOMAN SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
ROLE IN IMMIGRATION FRAUD CONSPIRACY**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JENNIFER ROWE was sentenced today by United States District Judge PAUL A. CROTTY to 96 months in prison on visa fraud and mail fraud charges. ROWE pled guilty On September 12, 2008, to conspiring to commit visa fraud and mail fraud. According documents filed in this case and statements made during proceedings in Manhattan federal court:

ROWE conspired with others in 2004 and 2005 to commit a massive immigration fraud by telling non-immigrant aliens that they were eligible for amnesty under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1986 (the "Amnesty Program"). ROWE and other co-conspirators convinced non-immigrant aliens to give ROWE their passports and payments of between \$1,000 and \$5,000, in exchange for the promise of permanent residency and eventual citizenship. In reality, these non-immigrant aliens were not eligible for the Amnesty Program.

After receiving thousands of dollars, passports and other documentation from non-immigrant aliens, ROWE and her co-conspirators submitted false Amnesty Program applications to the United States Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services on behalf of many of these individuals. None of the Amnesty Program applications that were submitted were accepted.

In addition to the prison term, ROWE was sentenced to a term of 3 years of supervised release and was ordered to pay \$230,190 in restitution.

Mr. DASSIN praised the work of the New York Office of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Homeland Security's New York Citizenship and Immigration Services Fraud Detection Unit in the investigation of this case.

Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD Y. KIM is in charge of the prosecution.

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