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**FORMER NYC CORRECTION OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO
FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING FEDERAL HOUSING SUBSIDIES**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that GENEVIEVE SIMMONS, a former New York City Correction Officer, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge LAWRENCE M. MCKENNA in Manhattan federal court to falsely obtaining Section 8 federal housing subsidies. According to the Complaint and Information, as well as statements at her plea allocution:

SIMMONS worked as a Correction Officer with the New York City Department of Correction from approximately 1990 through 2008. From April 2003 through March 2007, SIMMONS received Section 8 housing subsidies from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development by falsely claiming that she was unemployed. Section 8 housing subsidies are intended for individuals who meet low-income and other eligibility requirements. By misrepresenting that she had no employment income, SIMMONS obtained more than \$40,000 in federal housing subsidies to which she was not entitled.

SIMMONS, 47, of the Bronx, New York, pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement of government funds. SIMMONS faces up to 10 years' imprisonment.

Mr. DASSIN commended the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of the Inspector General and the New York City Department of Investigation for their assistance in the investigation.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorney PABLO QUIÑONES is in charge of the prosecution.