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**FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO
57 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR STEALING \$2.5 MILLION BY
SUBMITTING PHONY INVOICES FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DORRELL GRANT was sentenced today to 57 months in prison for his theft of over \$2.5 million from his employer, First American Title Insurance Company of New York ("First American"), by submitting phony invoices for office supplies and subsequently transferring the stolen funds to Jamaica. United States District Judge LEWIS A. KAPLAN, who imposed the sentence in Manhattan federal court, also ordered GRANT to pay restitution in the amount of \$2.5 million by September 1, 2008, and to forfeit funds he controls in two Jamaican bank accounts. According to the Indictment and other documents filed in the case, and statements made during the guilty plea and sentencing proceedings:

From 2001, DORRELL GRANT was responsible for ordering office supplies for First American from various vendors. As part of a scheme that stretched from November 2004 to November 2007, GRANT submitted to First American numerous phony invoices supposedly from a purported office-supply company, Graceco Solutions, Inc. ("Graceco"). In fact, GRANT owned Graceco, and simply deposited the payments he received from First American into a bank account that he controlled. After getting money from First American, GRANT then engaged in a series of money transfers to ultimately deposit large portions of the stolen funds to a bank account in Jamaica.

GRANT was arrested on November 1, 2007. On April 8, 2008, GRANT pleaded guilty to one count of interstate transportation of stolen property.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Major Crimes Unit. Assistant United States Attorney SEETHA RAMACHANDRAN is in charge of this prosecution.