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CHAPMANVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL CHARGES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Carolyn Ann Kitchen, 55, of Chapmanville, was sentenced to 60 months probation today by United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver, Jr., for making a false statement to federal authorities. Kitchen pleaded guilty to the offense before Judge Copenhaver in November 2010. During her guilty plea, Kitchen admitted that she falsely denied to federal investigators that she had taken cash payments from Joe C. Ferrell, a video lottery operator. Kitchen, who was an inspector for the West Virginia Lottery at the time, took the payments from Ferrell in return for responding to after-hours maintenance calls on Ferrell's video lottery machines.

Assistant United States Attorneys Hunter Smith and Larry Ellis handled the prosecution.

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