



Department of Justice

United States Attorney Dunn Lampton
Southern District of Mississippi

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009
www.usdoj.gov/usao/mss

CONTACT: SHEILA WILBANKS
PHONE: (601) 965-4480
FAX: (601) 965-4409

**FORMER PASS CHRISTIAN WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR KATRINA FRAUD**

GULFPORT, Miss - Amber D. Dungan, formerly of Pass Christian, Mississippi, was sentenced in U.S. District Court to serve 7 months in federal prison followed by 7 months of home detention for fraud against the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton announced today. Dungan was found guilty by a jury of making false claims, false statements, mail fraud and stealing government funds from FEMA.

Dungan, who now lives in Waverley, Missouri, was also ordered to make restitution to FEMA of \$29,619.66, and to perform 70 hours of community service. Additionally a forfeiture order of a money judgment in the sum of \$16,019.66 was entered against Dungan.

In September, 2005, the United States Department of Justice, created the national Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force, designed to deter, investigate and prosecute disaster-related federal crimes such as charity fraud, identity theft, procurement fraud and insurance fraud. The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force - chaired by Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Rita M. Glavin, includes members from the Department of Homeland Security, FBI, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Labor Office of Inspector General, the Postal Inspector's Office and the Executive Office of United States Attorneys, among others.

Pursuant to the Justice Department initiative, a local Katrina Fraud Task Force, consisting of over 20 Federal and State law enforcement agencies, was formed in the Southern District of Mississippi to pursue and prosecute individuals who engage in fraud associated with the hurricanes.

If anyone has information concerning possible fraud being committed during the post-Katrina recovery effort, please call either the DHS-OIG Fraud Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or the FBI Fraud Hotline at 1-800-225-5324.

###