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SEVENTEEN SENTENCED FOR FEMA FRAUD

Orlando, Florida - On May 24, 2006, twenty-six individuals were charged in Operation "Storm Chaser" that was aimed at detecting and prosecuting instances of fraud in Central Florida related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. On September 25 - 26, 2006, U.S. District Judge John Antoon, II sentenced seventeen of those twenty-six individuals. Eight individuals were sentenced to prison terms. Nine individuals were sentenced to probation. All seventeen individuals were ordered to re-pay the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the amounts that they stole.

The following chart summarizes the sentences that were imposed on September 25 - 26, 2006:

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Sentence</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
JACQUELINE M. COLLINGTON, 28, Apopka, Florida	24 months imprisonment 3 years supervised release \$83,708 in restitution \$700 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 30, 2006 to one count of conspiracy and six counts of theft of government property

DEDRICK DELANO FRANKS, 41, Plymouth, Florida	18 months imprisonment 2 years supervised release \$6,000 in restitution \$300 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 27, 2006 to three counts of theft of government property
TIMOTHY LOFTON MOSLEY, 35, Apopka, Florida	10 months imprisonment 2 years supervised release \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 23, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
KATRINA RACHELLE SMITH, 31, Plymouth, Florida	8 months imprisonment 3 years supervised release \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 29, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
RODNEY LAMAR BRIDGES, 38, Apopka, Florida	4 months imprisonment 3 years supervised release \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 26, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
SAMUEL J. SCARLETT, 21, Plymouth, Florida	2 months imprisonment 3 years supervised release \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 29, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
ANTWAN DERRELL HARPER, 21, Plymouth, Florida	2 months imprisonment 2 years supervised release \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 27, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
RONALD R. TARVER, 41, Eustis, Florida	2 months imprisonment 2 years supervised release \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 30, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
MELANI JAMIANICOLE BROWN, 19, Apopka, Florida	4 years probation \$2,000 in restitution \$500 in special assessments	Convicted by jury on July 6, 2006 of conspiracy, false claim to a governmental agency, theft of government property, mail fraud, and wire fraud
LORENZO VANLENOOR MOODY, 36, Apopka, Florida	3 years probation 150 days home confinement \$4,000 in restitution \$200 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 23, 2006 to two counts of theft of government property

ANTHONY GEORGE CHERRY, 37, Plymouth, Florida	3 years probation 150 days home confinement \$4,000 in restitution \$200 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 26, 2006 to two counts of theft of government property
HERBERT NEAL, 45, Plymouth, Florida	3 years supervised release 150 days home confinement \$4,000 in restitution \$200 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 22, 2006 to two counts of theft of government property
SABRINA SELINE SMITH, 28, Zellwood, Florida	3 years probation 90 days home confinement \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 22, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
DARRELL LAMONT HARRELL, 23, Plymouth, Florida	2 years probation 90 days home confinement \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 29, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
MONICA MARTRES SIMMONS, 26, Apopka, Florida	3 years probation 120 days home confinement \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 27, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
DONNA LYNETTE SIMMONS, 42, Apopka, Florida	2 years probation 90 days home confinement \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 27, 2006 to one count of theft of government property
ANNETTE HARRELL, 43, Plymouth, Florida	2 years probation \$2,000 in restitution \$100 in special assessments	Pled guilty on June 30, 2006 to one count of theft of government property

Sentencing hearings are set for the following eight defendants on October 6, 2006 before U.S. District Judge John Antoon, II:

RONNIE LEE MCNEIL

PRESTON ANGELO WILLIAMS

WILLIAM LEWIS CLARK

MARVIN LEE WILLIAMS

FREDRICK DEON HARRELL

CLARENCE MALCOLM WILLIAMS

KAREN RACHEL SMITH

FELICIA LAFAYE HARRELL

These case were investigated by the United States Secret Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, with assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Service. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg.

These cases are part of the effort by the Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force to prosecute disaster-related crimes from last year's hurricanes. The Task Force was created in September 2005 by Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales to deter, investigate, and prosecute federal crimes arising from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force – chaired by Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division, includes members of the Secret Service, the Postal Inspector's Office, and the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, among others.