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**HIALEAH GARDENS WOMAN SENTENCED TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS
IMPRISONMENT FOR FALSELY CHANGING CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE'S
MAILING ADDRESS**

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan yesterday sentenced Aylin Hernandez (23, Hialeah Gardens) to eighteen months in federal prison for submitting false change of address forms to the United States Postal Service, that is by changing Citizens Property Insurance's address. The Court also ordered Hernandez to pay Citizens Property Insurance restitution in the amount of \$168,053.55. Further, she was ordered not to engage in, or attempt to engage in, any transaction or business that requires a license under the State of Florida's Insurance Code.

Hernandez was found guilty on February 11, 2011.

According to court documents, Hernandez filed two change of address applications with the United States Postal Service, forwarding the mail for Citizens Property Insurance to an address in Hialeah Gardens, Florida. Hernandez had previously created a corporation with a nearly identical name and set up an account at a Miami-Dade County check cashing store. The United States Postal Service and the United States Postal Inspection Service prevented approximately one hundred pieces of mail from being

delivered to the address provided by Hernandez. The Postal Service also cancelled the false changes of address filed by her. According to court documents, no diverted mail was actually delivered to Hernandez. The amount of restitution in this matter, \$168,053.55, represents the total expended by Citizens Property Insurance during the process of notifying its customers of the false change of address, and providing additional customer service to affected customers.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Guard.