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**U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SEIZES FUR COATS, JEWELRY,
AND JET SKIS FROM ROBERTA STEVENS
TO PAY RESTITUTION TO VICTIM**

Shreveport, La. - United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that on May 25, 2012, the United States Magistrate Judge Patrick J. Hanna ordered the sale of an assortment of fur coats, jewelry and jet skis which were previously owned by Roberta Stevens Noland. Noland pled guilty to one count of Misprision of a Felony related to a wire and mail fraud scheme to obtain financial advance fees from borrowers seeking loan funding for multi-billion dollar ventures through R. J. Financial, Inc. Noland was sentenced on January 23, 2001 to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,901,799.86 to 23 individual victims. On February 10, 2012, upon application by the United States Attorney's Office, the Clerk of Court for the United States District Court issued a writ of seizure and execution of a half-length silver sable fur coat, a full-length sable fur coat, a pair of emerald earrings with two emeralds surrounded by diamonds, one Rado watch, one Bulgarie watch with diamonds, one gold ring with twisted gold and diamonds, one man's diamond ring with seven diamonds, and two 1994 Yamaha Jet Skis and a trailer to transport the jet skis. The property was seized by the United States Marshals Service on March 20, 2012.

The collection efforts were led by Assistant United States Attorney Ramsay C. McCullough.

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