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FORMER OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF SENTENCED

Monroe, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that former sheriff Royce Edward Toney, 64, of Monroe, La., was sentenced today to six months home confinement, four years of supervised release, and a \$15,000 fine. Toney pleaded guilty on August 2, 2012, to nine counts of fraud and related activity in connection with computers. Provisions of the plea agreement provide that Toney will not be employed again in any capacity in law enforcement.

Toney was elected Sheriff on October 20, 2007, and took office on July 1, 2008. He did not seek re-election. The investigation revealed that Toney and another sheriff's department employee engaged in a conspiracy to track a third-party's email communications. The other employee accessed a protected computer without authorization on nine occasions from April of 2010 to October of 2010, utilizing an AOL email address and password belonging to another person.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Monroe Resident Agency, and is being prosecuted by First Assistant U. S. Attorney Alexander C. Van Hook.

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