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**FORMER BANKRUPTCY DEBTOR SENTENCED
FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE LAWSUIT ON BANKRUPTCY SCHEDULES**

Jackson, Mississippi - Linda Hardy was sentenced in U.S. District Court today to serve thirty-five months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for concealing a lawsuit and settlement proceeds from that lawsuit in the amount of \$255,036.62, from a bankruptcy trustee, U.S. Attorney Don Burkhalter and U.S. Trustee R. Michael Bolen announced today . Hardy was also ordered to pay \$50,000 in restitution. She was convicted of the charges on April 17, 2009.

Hardy filed a personal injury lawsuit on September 18, 2001 against GE Modular Space dba Transport International Pool Corporation. Subsequent to the filing of that lawsuit and prior to settlement, Hardy filed bankruptcy. Hardy did not disclose the lawsuit in her bankruptcy schedules nor did she inform the trustee of the subsequent settlement during the pendency of the bankruptcy case.

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