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COLUMBIA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FALSIFYING INCOME TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HOUSING AID

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to providing false information in order to qualify for a federal housing subsidy that she was not entitled to receive.

Donna Marie Sly, 40, of Columbia, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to providing false information in a re-certification form on June 13, 2001, in order to qualify for Section 8 housing, a federal subsidy administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Sly** under-reported and concealed her income, and failed to disclose her husband's income and that he was living in the home with her, in order to receive the federal housing subsidy.

Sly also admitted that she has received overpayments of approximately \$22,761 from HUD since 1998 by providing false information on her annual re-certification form in June 2001, 2002, and 2003. Under the terms of today's plea agreement, **Sly** agreed to make full restitution to HUD.

Under federal statutes, **Sly** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000 and full restitution. Her sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. It was investigated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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