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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

THIS IS A CORRECTED PRESS RELEASE:

On January 16, 2009, the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Court Judge, sentenced Paul Wentworth to one year and one day imprisonment for the crime of submitting false information to the Federal Crop Insurance Company (FCIC). Wentworth had pled guilty to the offense on October 28, 2008. Wentworth operated the Wentworth Crop Insurance Company in Loup City, NE, and between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2002, on various occasions, submitted false information to the FCIC pertaining to the crop insurance policies of his farmer customers. This false information caused the FCIC to reimburse the customers in amounts more than they were entitled to receive when claims for loss reimbursement were made under the policies to the FCIC. Wentworth does not appear to have personally profited. Wentworth is no longer working in the insurance industry, and his crop insurance business ceased to exist in December 2002.

**Name of Defendant:** Paul Wentworth

**AKA:**

**Age:** 66

**City of Residence:** Loup City

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty:** False report to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; 0-5 years and \$250,000 fine.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Loup City, Nebraska

**Location of Arrest:** N/A

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** N/A

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** None

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** 3/2/00

**Federal Arrest Date:** N/A

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date:** 12/13/06

**Initial Appearance Date:** 01/23/07

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** 10/28/08

**Sentencing Date:** 01/16/09

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** David Piester

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Released

**In Continuous Custody Since:**

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Richard Kopf

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