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**Citizenship and Immigration Services**  
**Supervisor Sentenced for Bribery and Naturalization Fraud**

(Alexandria, VA) - Robert T. Schofield, a Supervisory District Adjudications Officer (SDAO) and a thirty-year federal employee with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) was sentenced today for Bribery of a Senior Public Official and Unlawful Procurement of Citizenship or Naturalization by United States District Judge James C. Cacheris. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Schofield, age 58, received the statutory maximum sentence of 15 years (180 months) for Bribery and 10 years (120 months) for Naturalization Fraud. The sentences are to run concurrently.

In addition, the Court ordered the forfeiture of \$3.1 million against Schofield. Schofield will forfeit his residence in Fairfax County, his bank accounts, and his government Thrift Savings Account. According to the statement of facts, as a SDAO, Schofield was responsible for providing supervisory oversight of (USCIS) adjudicators and for conducting research concerning eligibility entitlements of persons seeking immigration benefits, employment and/or legal status under the Immigration and Nationality Act. Schofield personally received over \$600,000 in bribes, and brokers working with him received another \$2,500,000 for the sale of falsely made Naturalization Certificates, Temporary I-551 Stamps and Advance Parole to aliens that they were not legally eligible to receive. Schofield had been selling United States immigration documents for at least eight years prior to his arrest last June 2006.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and, the Diplomatic Security Service, U.S. Department of State, all assisted in the investigation of this case. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ronald L. Walutes, Jr.

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