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CLARKSVILLE WOMAN SENT TO PRISON

(Sherman, TX) A 52-year-old Clarksville woman has been sentenced to 33 months in prison for conspiracy to defraud the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. (FCIC), Mike Bradford, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas announced today. **SYLVIA FAYE GREINER** was sentenced to prison, fined \$10,000 and ordered to pay restitution of \$591,816 by U.S. District Judge Richard Schell this morning in Sherman. She was immediately taken into custody.

According to court documents, Greiner pleaded guilty on April 5, 2000 to utilizing her position as a crop insurance agent in the Clarksville area to conspire with her husband and others to submit false claims to receive crop insurance proceeds. Between February 1992 through November 1996 she fraudulently submitted claims for more than \$500,000 in crop insurance.

Her husband, Donnie Greiner, was indicted in September of 2000 of making false claims, making false statements and conspiracy to defraud the FCIC. No trial date has been set. John Houchin, 56, pleaded guilty last February to conspiracy to defraud the FCIC. He was sentenced in June 2000 to 4 months home confinement and ordered to pay restitution of \$39,680.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency. Assistant U.S. Attorney Terri Hagan is prosecuting the case.

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