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COLUMBIA WOMAN INDICTED FOR 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 was indicted by a federal grand jury today for 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, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

Each of the three counts allege separate instances in which **Sly** provided false information in a re-certification form to qualify for Section 8 housing, a federal subsidy administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Sly** allegedly 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 qualify for and receive a Section 8 housing subsidy. The indictment alleges that **Sly** knew her income was greater than she represented and that her husband was living in the home and contributing his income towards living expenses. According to the indictment, **Sly** provided the false information on her annual re-certification form in June 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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.

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