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Former Navy Civilian Sentenced For Bribery

(Norfolk, Virginia) – Leslie E. Doggett, Jr., age 38, of Chesapeake, was sentenced today to 30 months in prison for public bribery. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, A.J. Turner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Samuel Worth of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and Christine Marrion of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service made the announcement after the sentence was announced by United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman. Doggett had pled guilty on May 29, 2008.

According to court documents, Doggett was employed by the Navy as a Hazardous Materials Site Manager on the Naval Station Norfolk. In this capacity, Doggett was responsible for placing orders through local vendors for industrial supplies, such as lubricants, degreasers, and cleaning agents that were used by various Navy commands aboard the Naval Station.

In November 2006, Doggett began accepting gifts such as college basketball tickets and video game systems in exchange for placing orders through a local vendor. In February 2007, Doggett increased an order of degreaser and sealant by approximately \$30,000 more than the Navy required. Doggett made these unnecessary increases so that the local vendor would make a contribution to his son's baseball team.

In April 2007, Doggett and the local vendor agreed to formalize their arrangement. The pair agreed that Doggett would receive a cash payment equal to 2.25% of the total amount of any order placed with the local vendor. Between August 2, 2007 and August 15 2007, Doggett placed eight separate orders with this vendor totaling over \$280,000. In exchange for placing these orders, the local vendor paid Doggett approximately \$6,800. Doggett complained to the vendor stating that based upon the agreed rate of 2.25%, he should have been paid over \$7,000.

This arrangement continued through January 2008. Over the course of the arrangement, Doggett inflated numerous orders and, in exchange, was paid over \$34,000 in gifts and cash from the local vendor.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Assistant United States

Attorney Stephen W. Haynie and Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph L. Kosky prosecuted the case for the United States.

A copy of this press release may be found on the website of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/vae>. Related court documents and information may be found on the website of the District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia at <http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov> or on <http://pacer.uspci.uscourts.gov>.

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