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Press Release**

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**July 7, 2008 FORMER BRIDGEPORT RESIDENT WHO ILLEGALLY
RECEIVED SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS IS
SENTENCED**

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that EMMA FLIPPEN, also known as ELMIRA JONES, 63, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Bridgeport, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Stefan R. Underhill in Bridgeport to five years of probation for illegally receiving Social Security disability benefits. On November 19, 2007, FLIPPEN pleaded guilty to one count of theft of government property.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, between 1998 and 2002, FLIPPEN received \$10,967 in Social Security Title II Disability Insurance Benefits to which she was not entitled.

The Social Security Administration Title II Disability Insurance Benefits program is administered to individuals who cannot work due to a disability that must last or be expected to last for at least one year, or to result in death.

FLIPPEN received the benefits under the name of Elmira Jones while maintaining substantial gainful employment under the name of EMMA FLIPPEN using a different date of birth and social security number.

Today, Judge Underhill ordered FLIPPEN to pay to the Government restitution in the amount of \$10,967.

This case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deborah R. Slater.