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HAUCK SENTENCED FOR MORTGAGE FRAUD; COX STILL AT LARGE

Rebecca Hauck Goes to Federal Prison for Mortgage Fraud Conspiracy; Co-Defendant Matthew Cox Remains a Federal Fugitive

Atlanta, GA - REBECCA MARIE HAUCK, 34, of Tampa, FL, Las Vegas, Nevada and most recently Houston, Texas, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr. on charges of mortgage fraud conspiracy and bank fraud.

“Ms. Hauck was involved in a fraud scheme that resulted not only in millions of dollars in losses but also snarled property titles on many residences,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “She and co-defendant Matthew Cox stole homeowners’ identities and placed multiple loans on houses, which created even more victims.”

HAUCK was sentenced to 5 years, 10 months in federal prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release. HAUCK was ordered to pay restitution of \$1,197,970, and ordered to forfeit any profits from any book, television or any entertainment rights to the United States.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: HAUCK and co-defendant Matthew Bevan Cox rented properties from their true owners and fraudulently erased mortgage liens on the properties. The defendants then stole the identities of the owners and fraudently obtained multiple new mortgage loans on the properties. After they executed the scheme in one location, they changed locations and perpetrated the same fraudulent scheme. HAUCK and Cox used stolen identities to obtain drivers licenses, purchase vehicles, lease mail drops, rent apartments and open bank accounts to receive scheme proceeds in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina. Cox allegedly obtained a number of the stolen identities from homeless people by posing as a Red Cross worker taking a survey.

HAUCK was indicted in September 29, 2005, on 42 counts of bank fraud, wire fraud, interstate transportation of fraud proceeds, identity theft, money laundering and conspiracy. The indictment was unsealed on March 21, 2006 when she was arrested in Houston, Texas by the U.S. Secret Service while living under a stolen identity.

Law enforcement is seeking the assistance of the public in locating HAUCK's co-defendant Matthew Bevan Cox, who has been a fugitive on Northern District of Georgia mortgage fraud and identity theft charges since July 2004 and on Middle District of Florida supervised release violation charges since December 2003. The Cox wanted poster may be viewed at www.SecretService.gov. (NEWS MEDIA NOTE: digital photos of Cox are available upon request.)

"Matthew Cox must be found," said James H. Byers, Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service Atlanta Field Office. "The public can help us with this endeavor. Anyone with information about Cox's whereabouts can contact the Secret Service toll-free, 24 hours a day at 1-877-242-3375.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Gale McKenzie prosecuted the case.

For further information please contact David E. Nahmias (pronounced NAH-me-us), United States Attorney, or Charysse L. Alexander, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan.