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FARMERVILLE WOMAN SENTENCED ON FRAUD CHARGES

*Defendant defrauded over \$989,000 from victims by claiming
to arrange medical scans and treatment administered by CIA Officers*

Monroe, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **STACEY FINLEY**, age 34, of Farmerville, Louisiana, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Robert G. James in United States District Court in Monroe.

FINLEY was sentenced to **spend 63 months in prison**, followed by 3 years of supervised release. FINLEY was also **ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$873,786.94**.

A bill of information was filed December 8, 2006 charging FINLEY with one count of wire fraud and she pled guilty to the charge in January. This case began as an investigation into allegations that FINLEY was falsely posing as an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Testimony at the hearing revealed that FINLEY devised a scheme wherein she convinced numerous victims, who were her family, friends and neighbors, that through her contacts as an agent with the CIA, she could arrange and schedule a medical scan of the victims' bodies by satellite imaging that would detect any hidden medical problems; and that in return for payment of money to FINLEY, she would arrange for secret

agents to administer medicine to the victims as they slept. All of this information that FINLEY conveyed to the victims was false. FINLEY instructed victims who lived in the local area to write checks to pay for the scans and treatments, which she deposited into her personal account. For those victims who lived out of state, FINLEY instructed them to wire transfer money to her account for these payments. As a result of this scheme, FINLEY scammed her family, friends and neighbors out of \$989,898.57. All of the money which FINLEY received was used for her own personal benefit.

BRENT FINLEY, husband of Stacey Finley, pleaded guilty today to a bill of information charging him with one count of wire fraud in connection with his involvement in the scheme to defraud their family and friends out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

BRENT FINLEY faces a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. The sentencing date has been set for December 3, 2007.

U.S. Attorney Washington stated: "This case is yet another reminder for us to beware of schemes that promise the impossible or the incredible. The trust we place in friends and family members must be tempered by reality when those friends and family members come offering the incredible cure or the fantastic fortune. This office will continue to discharge its duty to protect the public from fraud. But we also urge the public to be wary of all schemes promising that which is too good to be true."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Monroe Resident Agency, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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