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## **ALLEGED MORTGAGE FRAUDSTER ARRESTED AT CLOSING TABLE**

### ***Borrower from Homeland Security Used False Qualifying Information for Multimillion Dollar Mortgage Loan Arrested in FBI Sting***

Atlanta, GA - BRINSON ALLEN, a borrower allegedly using false qualifying information, including an income up to \$62,000 a month, to purchase a property located at 320 Longvue Court, Duluth, GA 30097 for \$3.3 million, attended the closing of multimillion dollar mortgage loans for this purchase yesterday. Although ALLEN intended to walk away from this loan closing with approximately \$800,000 in cash, he departed in FBI handcuffs.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "The sting operation which resulted in this arrest, and similar arrests of a borrower and her conspirator at the closing table less than a month ago, are examples of one of the tools now used by law enforcement to fight the Atlanta area mortgage fraud problem, which is one of the most severe in the country. Sting operations like this one should put mortgage fraudsters on notice that they can never be sure who is monitoring their criminal scheme. Fraudsters should understand that they may be spending their nights in jail rather than in the neighborhoods they have targeted."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the documents and information presented in court: A Criminal Complaint charges borrower BRINSON ALLEN, 38, of Alpharetta, GA with attempting to commit bank fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud by allegedly using a falsely inflated income of up to \$62,000 a month and the misrepresentation that he had over \$1 million on deposit at Bank of America, SunTrust Bank and the Associated Federal Credit Union to obtain \$2.5 million in mortgage loans from SouthStar Funding and CitiHome Equity/CitiBank FSB for the purchase of 320 Longvue Court in Duluth. The complaint further alleges that the \$3.3 million purchase price was fraudulently inflated so that the borrower and his coconspirators could walk away from closing with about \$800,000, plus the return of the required \$842,000 down payment.

The criminal complaint further alleges that ALLEN is a Homeland Security employee who first attempted to obtain these multimillion dollar mortgage loans for the purchase of this property for \$3.3 million by pretending to be a FBI agent.

ALLEN will have an initial appearance and bond hearing before Magistrate Judge Alan J. Baverman at 4 p.m. today.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Gregory Jones, FBI Special Agent in Charge, said, "The FBI is committed to such sting operations until the mortgage fraud problem in this area is under control." Jones cited the FBI sting of February 17, 2006, less than a month ago, as evidence of the FBI's determination to address mortgage fraud in the Atlanta area with all available tools. In that sting, borrower Donna June Baker of Kalamazoo, Michigan was arrested with her niece and coconspirator Lanamasha Wesalanda Mixom-Hampton of Atlanta at the closing table while allegedly using the stolen identity of a permanently disabled retiree from Florida to obtain a million dollar mortgage loan for 940 Glengate Place, Atlanta, Georgia. Jones warned that fraudsters will not be allowed to continue to infiltrate Atlanta communities.

Assistant United States Attorney Gale McKenzie is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the charge(s) contain only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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