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FORMER GEORGIA TECH EMPLOYEE SENTENCED IN "P-CARD" SCHEME

Atlanta, GA - DONNA RENEE GAMBLE, 43, of Marietta, Georgia, was sentenced today by Chief United States District Judge Jack T. Camp on charges arising out of a scheme to defraud the Georgia Institute of Technology ("Georgia Tech") and the National Science Foundation ("NSF"), an agency of the United States Government.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of the case, "This defendant, who occupied a position of trust within the Georgia Tech administration and had access to federal and state funds, abused that trust for personal gain. Money that should have been used for legitimate educational expenses instead went to frivolous personal items like a popcorn machine. The prison sentence imposed today communicates that her offense was indeed serious."

GAMBLE was sentenced to 2 years, 8 months in federal prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution of \$316,874.12. She was also ordered to perform 250 hours of community service and forfeits to the United States all ill-gotten gains. On May 13, 2008, GAMBLE pleaded guilty to all 22 counts in a federal indictment, which charged mail fraud and theft from an organization receiving federal funds.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and other information presented in court: GAMBLE was employed by Georgia Tech in Atlanta, where she was assigned to the Parker H. Petit Institute for Bioengineering and Bioscience. As an employee of Georgia Tech, GAMBLE had access to one or more Georgia Tech credit cards, also known as Procurement Cards or "P-Cards," which she was allowed to use for authorized official business purchases only. GAMBLE was prohibited from charging personal purchases on her Georgia Tech P-Cards. From April 2002 through April 2007, GAMBLE used her Georgia Tech P-Cards to purchase more than 3,800 personal items, at a total cost of more than \$316,000. In an effort to conceal and disguise the personal nature of certain charges on her Georgia Tech P-Cards, GAMBLE created fake receipts, which she submitted to her supervisor, and made false entries in Georgia Tech's

accounting records. Grant money provided to Georgia Tech by the National Science Foundation was used to fund GAMBLE's personal purchases.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the National Science Foundation, Office of Inspector General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Russell Phillips 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.