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Navy Civilian Pleads Guilty to Bribery

(Norfolk, VA) – Leslie E. Doggett, Jr., age 38, of Chesapeake, pled guilty today to one count of public bribery. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; A.J. Turner, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Norfolk Field Office; Samuel Worth, Special Agent in Charge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's Norfolk Field Office; and Christine Marrion, Resident Agent in Charge of Defense Criminal Investigative Service's Norfolk Resident Agency, made the announcement after Doggett's plea was accepted by United States District Judge Jerome B. Friedman. Doggett is set to be sentenced on August 29, 2008.

According to court documents, Doggett was employed by the Navy as a Hazardous Materials Site Manager on the Naval Station Norfolk. In this capacity, Doggett was responsible for placing orders through local vendors for industrial supplies, such as lubricants, degreasers, and cleaning agents that were used by various Navy commands aboard the Naval Station. In November 2006, Doggett began accepting gifts, such as college basketball tickets and video game systems, in exchange for placing orders through a local vendor. In February 2007, Doggett increased an order of degreaser and sealant by approximately \$30,000 more than the Navy required. Doggett made these unnecessary increases so that the local vendor would make a contribution to his son's baseball team.

In April 2007, Doggett and the local vendor agreed to formalize their arrangement. The pair agreed that Doggett would receive a cash payment equal to 2.25% of the total amount of any order placed with the local vendor. Between August 2 and 15, 2007, Doggett placed eight separate orders with this vendor totaling over \$280,000. In exchange for placing these orders, the local vendor paid Doggett approximately \$6,800. This arrangement continued through October 2007. Over the course of the arrangement, Doggett inflated numerous orders and, in exchange, was paid over \$34,000 in gifts and cash from the local vendor.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Assistant United States Attorney Stephen W. Haynie and Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph L. Kosky prosecuted the case for the United States.

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