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ROCKFORD WOMAN SENTENCED TO 33 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR EMBEZZLING MORE THAN \$800,000 FROM MOTOROLA IN ELGIN

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and THOMAS P. BRADY, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala today sentenced **BETHANN R. GILROY**, 33, of Rockford, Illinois, to 33 months in federal prison without parole for mail fraud resulting from a scheme between December 2003 and December 2006 to embezzle \$859,369.17 from Motorola, Inc. (“Motorola”), located at 2204 Galvin Drive, Elgin, Illinois. Gilroy was also ordered to pay \$859,369.17 in restitution to Motorola.

Gilroy pled guilty on November 16, 2007. According to the plea agreement, Gilroy admitted that while she was employed by Motorola from December 1, 2003 through December 1, 2006, she ordered inkjet cartridges that were not needed by Motorola, had them delivered to Motorola, and then either took them to her residence in Rockford or shipped them to her residence by interstate carriers, including Federal Express (“FedEx”) and United Parcel Service (“UPS”). Gilroy admitted she then sold the cartridges on Ebay, and shipped the cartridges to individuals through the United States Postal Service, Fed Ex, or UPS and kept the proceeds for her personal use. Gilroy caused Motorola to pay \$513,952.19 for inkjet cartridges that she sold for her own profit.

Gilroy also admitted in the plea agreement that she obtained over \$333,989.19 in reimbursements from Motorola for purchases which never occurred, by submitting credit card statements and invoices which she fraudulently created to her supervisors. After the reimbursement requests were approved, funds were deposited into Gilroy’s personal bank account in Rockford. In addition, Gilroy admitted that she used \$6,935.33 in Motorola’s funds to purchase computers and other computer accessories for her personal use. Gilroy also admitted she took Bluetooth accessories valued at \$4,492.46 from Motorola without Motorola’s consent and sold the accessories on Ebay.

The case was investigated by the Rockford office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, and was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.

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