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TAMPA WOMAN INDICTED FOR FEMA FRAUD

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the return of an Indictment of 35 year old Iveal Robinson, a/k/a Aveal Robinson, of Tampa, charging her with mail fraud. The maximum penalties Robinson faces, if convicted, are five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

According to the Indictment, in September 2005, Robinson fraudulently applied for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by submitting a false application through the FEMA internet site causing a United States Treasury check for \$2,000.00 to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service to her address in Tampa.

The case was investigated by Postal Inspector Kenneth Sweeney, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert T. Monk.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.