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**Massachusetts Woman Convicted by Jury of Aggravated Identity Theft**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that, following a one-day jury trial on December 16 in U.S. District Court in Portland, **Deniz Novo**, 35, of Malden, Massachusetts, was found guilty of one count of aggravated identity theft. Novo faces a two-year mandatory term of imprisonment, to run consecutively to any other term of imprisonment imposed, and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both. Novo had pleaded guilty to social security fraud on December 2, 2008.

The evidence at trial demonstrated that on May 26, 2006, Novo used a false name and social security number to obtain a Maine identification card from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The social security number was a valid number assigned by the Social Security Administration to another living person. Novo used the number with knowledge that it was assigned to another person.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security. Sentencing will occur following the preparation of a presentence investigation report by the U.S. Probation Office in Portland.

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