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**Massachusetts Woman Sentenced for
Aggravated Identity Theft and Social Security Fraud**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Deniz Novo**, 36, of Malden, Massachusetts, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Portland to imprisonment for 24 months and 2 years supervised release for aggravated identity theft and social security fraud. Novo pleaded guilty to social security fraud on December 2, 2008 and was found guilty of aggravated identity theft on December 16, 2008 after a one-day jury trial.

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. The evidence at trial also showed that Novo used the same false name and social security number to obtain a Massachusetts driver's license later in 2006.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

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