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HAUCK PLEADS GUILTY TO MORTGAGE FRAUD; COX STILL AT LARGE

Rebecca Hauck Pleads Guilty to Mortgage Fraud Conspiracy Involving Several States While Co-Defendant Matthew Cox Remains a Federal Fugitive

Atlanta, GA - REBECCA MARIE HAUCK, 34, of Tampa, FL, Las Vegas, NV and most recently Houston, TX, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to mortgage fraud conspiracy and bank fraud.

“This case involves significant losses to victim lenders in several states. Even worse, the scheme clouded property titles on numerous residences when the defendants stole homeowners’ identities and placed multiple loans on the houses” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “We hope the public can help us locate Matthew Cox so that he too can be brought to justice.”

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: HAUCK and co-defendant MATTHEW BEVAN COX rented properties from true owners and fraudulently erased mortgage liens on the properties. The defendants then stole the identities of the owners and fraudulently obtained multiple new mortgage loans on the properties. After they executed the scheme in one location, they changed locations and perpetrated the same fraudulent scheme. HAUCK and COX used stolen identities to obtain drivers licenses, purchase vehicles, lease mail drops, rent apartments and open bank accounts to receive scheme proceeds in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina. COX obtained a number of the stolen identities from homeless people by posing as a Red Cross worker taking a survey.

“Matthew Cox must be found,” said James H. Byers, Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service Atlanta Field Office. “The public can help us with this endeavor. Anyone with information about Cox’s whereabouts can contact the Secret Service toll-free, 24 hours a day at 1-877-242-3375. Additional information about Cox can be found on the Secret Service’s website, www.secretservice.gov. Cox is listed under the Most Wanted section.”

HAUCK was indicted in September 29, 2005, on 42 counts of bank fraud, wire fraud, interstate transportation of fraud proceeds, identity theft, money laundering and conspiracy. The indictment was unsealed on March 21, 2006 when she was arrested in Houston, Texas by the U.S. Secret Service while living under a stolen identity. HAUCK pleaded guilty to conspiracy and bank fraud. She could receive a maximum sentence of 35 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,250,000.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 31, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., before United States District Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr.

Law enforcement is seeking the assistance of the public in locating HAUCK's co-defendant MATTHEW BEVAN COX, who has been a fugitive on Northern District of Georgia mortgage fraud and identity theft charges since July 2004 and on Middle District of Florida supervised release violation charges since December 2003. The COX wanted poster may be viewed at www.SecretService.gov. (NEWS MEDIA NOTE: digital photos of COX are available upon request.)

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Gale McKenzie is prosecuting the case.

For further information please contact David E. Nahmias (pronounced NAH-me-us), United States Attorney or Gentry Shelnett, Criminal Division Chief, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan.