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TSA SUPERVISOR SENTENCED FOR STEALING LAPTOP

PHOENIX – William Pratt, 55, of Boston, Massachusetts, was sentenced to probation for one year, fined \$500.00 and sentenced to three years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Rya W. Zobel in Boston, Massachusetts. Pratt pleaded guilty to one count of conversion of property of another by an employee of the United States.

Mr. Pratt, a former Transportation Security Administration supervisor, stole a laptop computer belonging to Aspects Communication of Lombard, Illinois, in February 2006, during the course of his employment. He was arrested in Arizona after an investigation by the United States Department of Homeland Security Administration in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Pratt was indicted by a federal grand jury in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 22, 2007.

Diane J. Humetewa, United States Attorney, District of Arizona, stated, “It is imperative that the security of the United States is continually being strengthened and improved. That includes holding accountable the integrity of the employees charged with that responsibility.” She also praised the work of the Department of the Homeland security and the cooperation between the districts of Arizona and Massachusetts.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration, Office of Inspection and Investigations Division.. The prosecution was handled by Charles F. Hyder, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona, and Eugenia Carris, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Massachusetts, Boston Massachusetts.

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