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FORMER TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR FILING FALSE INSPECTION REPORTS

Atlanta, GA - ROBERT WILSON, 51, of Ellenwood, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Jack T. Camp on charges of filing false reports when he worked as an inspector for the Transportation Safety Administration ("TSA"), Department of Homeland Security, at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

"The TSA is entrusted with keeping our airports safe and secure," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "Robert Wilson betrayed this mission when he failed to perform important safety inspections but filed false reports claiming that he had. As a result, he is now a convicted felon and will go to prison."

WILSON was sentenced to 4 months in federal prison to be followed by 2 years of supervised release, and ordered to perform 50 hours of community service. WILSON was convicted of these charges on August 17, 2006, when he entered a guilty plea to all eight counts of the indictment.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: WILSON was employed as a TSA Inspector at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport from October 2004 to February 2005. His job duties included making inspections of specified secured areas in and around the airport. WILSON's duties also required that he write up reports of the inspections that he performed. From approximately November 2004 to January 2005, WILSON filed at least eight inspection reports with TSA that contained false information. For instance, WILSON falsely claimed that he inspected gates that were in fact closed and inaccessible due to construction. WILSON also falsely reported that he had made an inspection of an airline to ensure its compliance with security regulations. WILSON also falsely reported that he performed some inspections with TSA employees who, according to time and attendance records, were not on duty at the time.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General.

Assistant United States Attorney Paul Jones prosecuted the case.

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