



# Department of Justice

*United States Attorney Jim Letten*  
Eastern District of Louisiana

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012  
[WWW.USDOJ.GOV/USAO/LAE](http://WWW.USDOJ.GOV/USAO/LAE)

CONTACT: ANNA CHRISTMAN  
PHONE: (504) 680-3171  
FAX: (504) 589-4978

## **HARVEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY AND THEFT FROM A PROGRAM RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA - RICHARD HALL**, age 47, a resident of Harvey, Louisiana, pled guilty in federal court today before U.S. District Court Judge Jay C. Zainey, to one count of conspiracy and one count of theft from a program receiving federal funds, the New Orleans Affordable Homeownership (NOAH) program, announced U. S. Attorney Jim Letten.

According to court documents, **HALL**, a contractor for New Orleans Affordable Homeownership (NOAH), engaged in conspiracy to steal and theft from a program receiving federal funds provided by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of New Orleans in the form of annual Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), designed to support home remediation work on residences located in New Orleans, Louisiana, following Hurricane Katrina. **HALL** admitted to conspiring to steal such funds and to being paid for 25 home remediations he did not perform. **HALL** received thousands of dollars in funds that he was not entitled to either because (a) he did not perform remediation work such as gutting, boarding and grass cutting, or (b) he had already been paid for work performed on residences, and subsequently received and accepted payment again for the same work, or (c) he collected double payments for work which he did not perform.

Upon sentencing, set for October 30, 2012, **RICHARD HALL** faces a maximum term of imprisonment of fifteen (15) years, a \$500,000 fine, three (3) years of supervised release following any term of imprisonment, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, the U. S Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, and the Internal Revenue Service. The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, Fred P. Harper, Jr.

\* \* \*