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DIAMONDHEAD MAN SENTENCED FOR OIL SPILL FRAUD

Gulfport, Miss. – Luom Van Ngo, 44, of Diamondhead, Mississippi, was sentenced on June 17, 2014, to three years in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for oil spill fraud, U.S. Attorney Gregory K. Davis announced today. Ngo was also ordered by U.S. District Judge Louis Guirola to pay a \$6,000 fine and \$18,575.00 in restitution.

Luom Van Ngo knowingly devised a scheme to defraud the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (“GCCF”) which was established by BP Exploration and Production, Inc., to administer, process, and settle certain claims of individuals and businesses that had been impacted by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Ngo made fraudulent representations to the GCCF claiming that he lost earnings and profits from a shrimping and fishing business as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. As a result of his scheme, Ngo received a check in the amount of \$18,000.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Jones. It was brought as part of this District’s partnership with the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF), a nationwide initiative to protect available funds and assistance for those victims of both natural and man-made disasters such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and the recent Gulf oil spill.

If you have knowledge of fraud, waste, abuse, or allegations of mismanagement involving disaster relief operations, you can contact the NCDF by either calling the hotline at [\(866\) 720-5721](tel:8667205721), faxing [\(225\) 334-4707](tel:2253344707), emailing at disaster@leo.gov or in writing to National Center for Disaster Fraud, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4909.

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