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BILOXI MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO KATRINA FRAUD

Gulfport, Miss - **Brian A. Carr**, of Biloxi, Mississippi, entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court today to charges of FEMA fraud, United States Attorney Dunn Lampton announced.

Carr pled guilty to an Indictment charging him with making a false claim to FEMA for Hurricane Katrina disaster assistance funds. Carr received \$8,051.87 from FEMA by claiming his primary residence at the time of Hurricane Katrina was in Biloxi, Mississippi. However, Carr admitted that on the day of Hurricane Katrina he was incarcerated by the Mississippi Department of Corrections where he had been an inmate since July of 2003. Carr filed his disaster assistance application by telephone on September 15, 2005, while still incarcerated by the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He was later released on September 27, 2005, due to the expiration of his sentence.

Carr is scheduled to be sentenced before U.S. District Judge Keith Starrett on September 25, 2008, at 10:15 a.m. The maximum sentence for Carr is 5 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. This case was investigated by the United States Department of Agriculture, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jerry Abdalla.

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