



*United States Attorney
Southern District of New York*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

**CONTACT: U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
YUSILL SCRIBNER,
REBEKAH CARMICHAEL
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
(212) 637-2600**

**NYPD AIDE SENTENCED TO THIRTEEN MONTHS IN PRISON FOR
DEFRAUDING FEDERAL SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DARLEAN MARCUCILLI, a Police Administrative Aide with the New York City Police Department, was sentenced today in Manhattan federal court to 13 months' imprisonment for her participation in a scheme to defraud the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal ("DHCR") of over \$37,000 in Section 8 housing assistance. DARLEAN MARCUCILLI was found guilty in September 2007 after a jury trial before United States District Judge LEWIS A. KAPLAN, who imposed the sentence. According to the charges and the evidence at trial:

The DHCR is the New York State agency responsible for, among other things, supervising the Section 8 rental assistance program -- a program regulated and fully funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). As part of the Section 8 Program, HUD pays subsidies, typically in the form of vouchers, for people to live in private housing. To be eligible to receive these vouchers under the Section 8 Program, participants are periodically required to complete forms certifying the composition of the tenant family and the tenant family's gross income and assets. The DHCR then uses the forms to determine an individual's eligibility for the Section 8 Program and the amount of any subsidy.

DARLEAN MARCUCILLI induced DHCR to pay Section 8 housing assistance for a Section 8 apartment by filing a series of fraudulent certifications with the DHCR. In these declarations, DARLEAN MARCUCILLI falsely represented that her income primarily consisted of child support and disability payments, while failing to disclose the fact that her husband also lived in the Section 8 residence, brought substantial income into the household, and paid household bills. While she received Section 8 housing

assistance, her husband in fact provided tens of thousands dollars to DARLEAN MARCUCILLI, and also helped pay for many of her purchases from the Home Shopping Network and QVC, which totaled over \$20,000.

Mr. GARCIA thanked the New York State Office of the Inspector General, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, for their assistance in this investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys CHRISTINE WONG and STEVE KWOK are in charge of the prosecution.

08-41

###