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**COURT REPORTER
FOR NEW ORLEANS TRAFFIC COURT
PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT**

NEW ORLEANS , LOUISIANA - Jim Letten, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and James Bernazzani, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today that an additional city official has pled guilty to the federal felony of computer fraud in United States District Court for her involvement in accepting bribes and payoffs in exchange for dismissing traffic tickets.

GLENDAM HAMLIN, a Court Reporter for Section "D" Orleans Parish Traffic Court was convicted of violating the federal computer fraud statute, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(a) (4). She faces a maximum sentence of five (5) years incarceration, up to a \$250,000.00 fine, and up to three (3) years supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

According to the indictment, and other documents filed in federal court, **GLENDAM HAMLIN**, from on or about September 9, 2004, and continuously thereafter until on or about September 29, 2004, agreed to dismiss a New Orleans Traffic Court case in exchange for a monetary bribe. **GLENDAM HAMLIN** accepted \$100.00 and, in return, **HAMLIN** had a traffic citation dismissed.

As a result of these offenses, this individual caused the transmission of inaccurate and incomplete data to the Driver Management Database, a protected computer utilized by the State of Louisiana, Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Driver Management Database contains the driving records of Louisiana drivers. All state and federal law enforcement agencies, the judiciary and other approved governmental agencies access the OMV's Driver Management Database to obtain information on individual driving records. In addition, the OMV has the legal obligation to provide driving records to insurance companies.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), along with the U. S. Attorney's Office has been conducting an undercover investigation into New Orleans Traffic Court for the past year. According to the indictment, the FBI utilized hidden video, audio equipment and cooperating witnesses to record several Traffic Court employees and public officials who all allegedly knowingly and intentionally solicited cash bribes and/or other kickbacks for the unauthorized dismissal of traffic citations. The U. S.

Attorney's Office and the FBI will continue with the investigation.

United States District Judge Eldon E. Fallon scheduled **HAMLIN's** sentencing to take place on August 3, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. Prosecution of this case and all of the cases arising out of the New Orleans Traffic Court investigation are being handled by Senior Litigation counsel Albert J. Winters, Jr. and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian M. Klebba.

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