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MASSACHUSETTS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL FRAUD

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Michael J. Gunnison, FBI Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Warren Bamford, and HUD-OIG Special Agent in Charge Peter Emerzian today announced that Dorie DiMarca, 52, of Andover, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud concerning real estate appraisal services DiMarca had performed. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 19, 2009.

DiMarca provided appraisal services to two mortgage brokerage companies located in New Hampshire - New England Regional Mortgage and First Call Mortgage. DiMarca admitted that she falsely represented herself as a licensed appraiser when she was not licensed and had no authority to provide real estate appraisals. There were at least 22 properties for which DiMarca provided a purportedly legitimate appraisal. DiMarca e-mailed the appraisals from Massachusetts to the offices in New Hampshire.

DiMarca faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years on the charges. However, under the advisory federal sentencing guidelines, DiMarca's sentence would fall between 4 and 10 months. DiMarca's plea agreement, if accepted by the court, provides a stipulation that DiMarca will be sentenced to eight months in federal prison.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.