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New Mexico Woman Sentenced in Identity Theft and Real Estate Fraud

San Bernardino, CA - A New Mexico woman was sentenced Friday, March 21, 2008, in connection with felony charges involving identity theft and forged documents. Lisa Liberi, aka Lisa Richardson, 42, appeared in San Bernardino County, Rancho Cucamonga, Superior Court, on March 21, 2008. She was sentenced to a state prison term of 8 years, imposed but stayed, and placed on supervised probation for 3 years as part of a plea agreement. Liberi was sentenced on ten felony counts ranging from Grand Theft, Forgery, and Filing False Documents.

From 2000 to 2004, Liberi engaged in a complex fraud involving falsification of police reports, manipulation of credit bureau reports, loan fraud, and counterfeiting of court documents resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses to banks and credit unions.

In 2002, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department personnel arrested Liberi on theft by false pretense charges. In July 2004, Investigators from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit arrested Liberi at the Ontario International Airport for additional felony charges while she was out on bail.

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