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MORTGAGE FRAUD DEFENDANTS CONVICTED ON ALL COUNTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2009 - GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Defendants Patricia L. VanderZwaag, 37, and Daniel Lee VanderZwaag, 36, of Holland, Michigan, were found guilty by a federal jury in Kalamazoo of one count each of mail fraud and wire fraud, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced today. Patricia L. VanderZwaag was also convicted on one count of financial institution fraud and one count of money laundering.

The defendants are the owners of Mad Jac Corporation, also known as B & J Towing. They provided false documentation and information to mortgage companies to obtain loan proceeds. Defendant Patricia VanderZwaag also used false information and documentation, including the Social Security Number of another person, to obtain a mortgage loan from National City Bank. She then transferred \$16,000 of one of the mortgage company loans to another bank to launder the funds.

Patricia VanderZwaag faces a maximum penalty of 30 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000,000. Daniel Lee VanderZwaag faces a maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000,000. Immediately after the return of the guilty verdicts, the Hon. Paul L. Maloney, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, remanded both Vanderzwaags to the custody of the U.S. Marshal until sentencing. A date for the sentencing hearing has not yet been set.

U.S. Attorney Davis commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its work in the case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy P. VerHey.

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