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MAN SENTENCED IN HURRICANE KATRINA FRAUD CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Sylvester Marshall, 64, of Buffalo, New York, who was convicted of theft of government money on September 3, 2009, was sentenced to 15 months in prison and 3 years supervised release by U.S. District Chief Judge William M. Skretny, U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today. The defendant was also ordered to repay the amount of \$16,693.51 in restitution to FEMA.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of defrauding the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) following the landfall of Hurricane Katrina when he filed a false claim seeking assistance for damages he sustained when, in fact, he actually resided in Buffalo, New York at and before the time the hurricane occurred.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Resident Agent In Charge Gregory Null.

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