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## Man Sentenced In Wichita Mortgage Fraud Case

**WICHITA, KAN.** - Another man has been sentenced in a mortgage fraud case in Wichita, U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said today.

**Steven Pelz**, 40, Wichita, Kan., was sentenced Monday to two years federal probation. Pelz pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. In his plea, he admitted he was part of a scheme devised by co-defendant **Manjur Alam** to fraudulently obtain mortgage loans by falsifying loan applications and supporting documents.

On Aug. 22, 2007, Pelz caused First Home Loans to send a wire payment of \$50,246 to Kansas Secured Title for the purchase of a property at 1044 S. Sedgwick in Wichita. On the loan application, Pelz and Alam made false statements including falsely representing Pelz's income and falsely stating that Pelz planned to occupy the property.

Co-defendants are:

**Manjur Alam**, 46, Wichita, who pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and bank fraud, is set for sentencing Jan. 27.

**Christopher Ginyard**, 27, Wichita, who was sentenced to two years supervised release and \$40,000.

**Henry Pearson, Jr.**, 29, Wichita, who was sentenced to two years supervised release and \$56,000 restitution.

**Henry Pearson, Sr.**, Wichita, who was sentenced to two years supervised release and \$55,180 restitution.

**Bruce Dykes**, 45, Wichita, who was sentenced to two years supervised release and \$14,872 restitution.

**Janice Young**, 27, Wichita, who is awaiting sentencing.

Grissom commended the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal Housing Finance Agency - OIG, the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Smith for their work on the case.

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