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## Woman Sentenced for Freddie Mac and Veterans Affairs ID Theft

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – A woman who used personally identifiable information stolen from employees of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was sentenced today to 5 1/2 years in prison.

Allise Jones, 29, of Lanham, Maryland, was convicted by a federal jury on February 16. According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Jones conspired with others to use personally identifiable information (PII) about current and former employees of Freddie Mac, the VA, and others. From October 2012 to April 2014, Jones and her co-conspirators had access to PII from over 100 VA employees and more than 2,000 Freddie Mac employees and affiliates. Jones and her co-conspirators used that information to obtain fraudulent identification documents and credit accounts used to defraud financial institutions, retailers, and others. Jones used the information to obtain credit cards she used to purchase goods and services such as plastic surgery, expensive jewelry, and travel.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Steven Perez, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Office of Inspector General; and Michael J. Missal, Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Anthony J. Trenga. Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys Lindsay Castanien and Charlie Divine and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Fahey prosecuted the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the <u>U.S. Attorney's Office</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information is located on the website of the <u>District Court</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia or on <u>PACER</u> by searching for **Case No. 1:16-cr-282.**