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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **HUDSON SENTENCED TO 40 MONTHS IN PRISON**

**RALEIGH** - United States Attorney George E. B. Holding announced that **BOYCE ALLEN HUDSON**, was sentenced in federal court today, United States District Judge Terrence W. Boyle to 40 months imprisonment and a 3-year term of supervised release. Hudson was ordered to pay a fine of \$35,000 and restitution in the amount of \$15,000 to the FBI.

**HUDSON**, 67, pled guilty on May 27, 2008, to one count of extortion under color of official right and one count of money laundering. As disclosed in open court and in court filings, **HUDSON**, while employed as a Senior Field Officer in the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Office of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR"), solicited compensation totaling \$196,000 for agreeing to help to expedite a Raleigh company's air and water quality permits from DENR. **HUDSON** originally joined DENR in 1993 as a political appointee.

The company, Agri-Ethanol Products, LLC, (AEP") was trying to construct an ethanol production plant near Aurora, North Carolina. **HUDSON** helped expedite the permits and was to receive the money after he retired on June 30, 2005, but AEP has not yet been able to

get the plant constructed and only paid **HUDSON** \$5,000. **HUDSON** accepted \$15,000 in October, 2005, from an FBI undercover agent posing as a potential investor in AEP, as a partial payment toward the \$196,000 the company had agreed to pay him for expediting the permits while at DENR.

United States Attorney Holding said, *"This case is part of our office's continuing effort to prosecute corrupt public officials who abuse their public trust for private gain. This type of offense undermines the citizenry's faith in government at all levels, yet these offenses can be very hard to detect and prosecute. My congratulations and thanks to the agencies who worked so hard to make this case."*

Acting Special Agent in Charge Kay Jernigan, IRS Criminal Investigation Division states, *"IRS-CI together with the law enforcement community are united in our resolve to investigate corrupt public officials who abuse their office."*

The prosecution told the Court that **HUDSON** had cooperated with the investigation since the agents confronted him in December 2006. The investigation is continuing.

The investigation has been conducted jointly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant

U.S. Attorney Dennis M. Duffy and First Assistant U. S. Attorney John Stuart Bruce are prosecuting the case for the United States.

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