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FORMER CUSTOMS OFFICER SENTENCED IN CONSPIRACY CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Kelly Bossinger, 42, and formerly of Akron, NY, was sentenced following her conviction at trial on a three-count federal Indictment. District Court Judge Richard J. Arcara sentenced Bossinger to five months in prison at the Buffalo Halfway House, to be followed by a five-month term of home confinement, U.S. Attorney Terrance P. Flynn of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory L. Brown, who handled the case, stated that Bossinger, a former Customs and Border Protection Officer, was convicted by a jury on July 26, 2007, for unauthorized access of a government computer, conspiracy and a false statement. The jury found that Bossinger used other Customs officers to unlawfully access a government computer in order to obtain confidential law enforcement information about a family member who had been the subject of a criminal narcotics investigation. The conspiracy and false statement charges arose out her attempt to cover-up the wrongdoing. .

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents Donald Mania and Steven MacMartin of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Robert Tevens.