Former Federal Prison Case Manager Sentenced for Lying About Affair with Inmate

Kansas City, K.S. — July 15, 2008 — Jennifer Stambaugh, 36, Overland Park, Kan., was sentenced Monday to six months house arrest plus six months probation and a \$3,000 fine for lying when she told investigators she never had sex with an inmate at the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth.

Stambaugh, a former case manager who worked for the federal Bureau of Prisons, pleaded guilty in April 2008 to making a false statement to an investigator from the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General.

In her plea, she admitted she lied on Oct. 23, 2006, when she told an investigator that she had never engaged in a sexual relationship with an inmate while he was in custody and she was working for the prison. She also falsely stated that she had not had any contact with the inmate after he was released June 14, 2005. Bureau of Prisons employees are prohibited from having sexual contact with inmates and from communicating with former inmates.

U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren commended the Department of Justice - Office of Inspector General and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheri McCracken for their work on the case.