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FORMER EMPLOYEE OF NSA SUBCONTRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TIMESHEETS

AUGUSTA, GA: Yesterday, Allison Michelle Waddell, 33, of Beech Island, South Carolina pled guilty to an information charging her with making false statements, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The false statements concerned the number of hours she worked for a National Security Agency (“NSA”) subcontractor. In total, Waddell claimed she worked 748.25 more hours than she actually did, which caused the government to pay out \$61,644.52 more than was actually owed.

According to the evidence presented during the hearing, Waddell worked as an analytic reporter for an NSA subcontractor from August 2009 through October 2010 and again from October 2011 to September 2012. During those time periods, Waddell submitted numerous timesheets falsely stating the number of hours she had worked. As the basis for Waddell’s guilty plea, the government focused on one two-week pay period where Waddell knowingly and willfully overstated her time by 22 hours.

United States Attorney Edward J. Tarver said, “The government, like every employer, expects an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay. This is especially true when the American taxpayer is paying for the work to be done.”

Waddell faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000.00 fine. In addition, the Court can order Waddell to pay restitution in the amount of \$61,644.52. As part of her plea agreement with the government, Waddell has already paid \$10,000.00 toward restitution.

NSA Office of Inspector General Investigators Kristen M. McGrath and Robert L. Gaskill and Paul A. Tarnuzzer, an agent with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, conducted the investigation which led to the information and plea. Assistant United States Attorney C. Troy Clark is the prosecutor in this case. For additional information, please contact First Assistant United States Attorney James D. Durham at (912) 201-2547.