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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Man Convicted of Welfare Fraud Sentenced to Three Years Prison  
January 27, 2009**

On January 26, 2009, William Wallner pled guilty to one count of Aid by Misrepresentation (welfare fraud) and one count of perjury in two separate cases. Teresa Wallner pled guilty to two counts of Aid by Misrepresentation. Between 2004 and 2008, William Wallner and his wife, Teresa Wallner, were overpaid nearly \$30,000 in welfare benefits for failing to report income that was received from his job and unemployment. William Wallner had previously been convicted of felony welfare fraud in 2003 for being overpaid \$20,502 for similarly failing to report income. On March 24, 2009, William Wallner will be sentenced to three years prison and his wife, Teresa Wallner, will be sentenced to 180 days jail. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael Hemker and was investigated by DA Investigator Robert Angulo.