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Scammer gets 4½ years for bilking a senior

Wilmington, DE –The Delaware Department of Justice today announced that Juanita Lamb, age 51 of Englewood, New Jersey, was sentenced to prison today for Theft, Attempted Theft, and Conspiracy after she was convicted of scamming an 86 year-old victim out of more than \$6,300.

“Scam artists often target seniors and count on their victims to not report their crimes,” said State Prosecutor Richard Andrews. “We’re holding this offender accountable to the law and we’ll continue to act aggressively to stand up for victims and combat senior abuse.”

On July 16, 2007, Lamb scammed the victim, whom she approached at a New Castle County shopping center. Lamb claimed she had found a large sum of money and she offered to share it after the victim provided cash as collateral. Lamb convinced the victim to withdraw \$6,345 from a bank account and provide it to her. The victim later reported the crime to police. Delaware State Police arrested Lamb on November 8, 2007.

New Castle County Superior Court Judge M. Jane Brady sentenced Lamb to 4½ years in prison, followed by one year of probation. She was ordered to pay \$6,370 in restitution and court costs and was required to obtain substance abuse and mental health evaluation and treatment.

Lamb was convicted by a New Castle County Superior Court Jury on August 14, 2008 of 1 count of Theft of Greater than \$1,000 of a person over 62 years of age, 2 counts of Attempted Theft of a person over 62 years of age, and 2 count of Conspiracy 2nd Degree.

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