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### LINDA KAUFMAN RESENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

WICHITA, KAN. – **Linda J. Kaufman**, 66, Newton, Kan., has been re-sentenced to 180 months in federal prison for abusing mentally ill patients at Kaufman House, a group home in Newton.

In November 2008, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the 2005 conviction of Kaufman, and her husband, Arlan Kaufman. In addition, the appeals court affirmed the government's arguments that Linda Kaufman's 7-year-sentence was based in part on errors and sent the case back for re-sentencing.

Key points in the history of the case include:

**Nov. 3, 2004:** A federal grand jury indicted Linda Kaufman, formerly a registered nurse, and her husband, who held a doctorate degree in social work, on charges of violating federal laws against involuntary servitude and forced labor, as well as health care fraud, mail fraud and obstructing a federal audit.

**Oct. 4, 2005:** A five-week trial began. Prosecutors presented evidence that the Kaufmans directed severely mentally ill residents of the Kaufman House to perform sexually explicit acts and farm labor in the nude, claiming it was part of a legitimate program of treatment for the residents' mental illnesses.

**Nov. 8, 2005:** A federal jury convicted Linda Kaufman on 30 counts and Arlan Kaufman on 31 counts.

**Jan. 23, 2006:** Linda Kaufman was sentenced to 7 years and Arlan Kaufman was sentenced to 30 years.

**Nov. 12, 2008:** The 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals sent Linda Kaufman back for re-sentencing.

Welch commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Treadway for her work on the case, as well as the following agencies: The Kansas Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Investigations, the Butler County Sheriff's Department, the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department and the Kansas Disability Rights Center.

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