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**TRACY QUEEN, OWNER OF COMPANY CONTRACTED TO
TUTOR BALITMORE CITY STUDENTS, SENTENCED TODAY IN
FRAUDULENT BILLING SCHEME TO BALTIMORE CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

The State Prosecutor, Emmet C. Davitt, announced that Tracy Denise Queen, 41, owner of Queen's Mobile Education, was sentenced today by Judge John Grason Turnbull to ten years in the Division of Corrections, suspending all but 18 months to be served in the Baltimore County Detention Center, after being convicted of Felony Theft in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County for stealing over \$150,000.00 from the Baltimore City Public Schools.

Queen had previously entered a guilty plea to one count of Felony Theft in April 2011. At the plea hearing, prosecutors told the court that, between November of 2006 and November of 2009, Ms. Queen submitted falsified and fraudulent documentation to the Baltimore City School system to support invoices for payment for tutoring hours her company contracted to provide, but never did. Prosecutors explained that 250 Baltimore City students were cheated out of a total of nearly 4,000 hours of tutoring by Ms. Queen over the course of 3 years. Queen then billed and was paid \$150,752.00 for these tutoring hours that were never performed. Queen's Mobile Education was operated out of the defendant's Reisterstown home in Baltimore County.

In addition to the jail sentence, Ms. Queen will be on probation for ten years and be required to make restitution of \$150,752.00 to the Baltimore City Schools during that time.

"Over 250 city students, specifically identified as entitled to tutoring assistance, were deprived of these services by Ms. Queen's fraudulent scheme", Davitt stated. "We will continue to aggressively pursue allegations of fraud that cheat the city school system and its students"