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CORONA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISABILITY INSURANCE FRAUD

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that RAYMOND FLINT, 42, of Corona, Calif., pleaded guilty to mail fraud before United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations and the California Employment Development Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew D. Segal, who is prosecuting the case, between September 2000 and April 2007, FLINT and others engaged in a scheme to defraud the State Disability Insurance (SDI) program of more than \$358,554.96 in disability benefit payments. As part of the scheme, FLINT caused false SDI claims to be submitted in his own name, in the names of his co-schemers, and in the names of third parties whose means of identification and employment and personal histories had been misappropriated. In carrying out the scheme, FLINT caused various addresses in the Southern California area to be used that he and his co-schemers controlled. SDI benefit checks issued from Sacramento were mailed to these addresses and subsequently deposited into bank accounts controlled by FLINT and others.

FLINT admitted as part of his plea that he and those working in concert with him fraudulently obtained \$358,554.96 from EDD and unsuccessfully attempted to obtain another \$1,655,494.05. They used the identities of 67 persons to make 131 fraudulent SDI claims.

FLINT is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Burrell on August 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. FLINT agreed to a forfeiture judgment of \$260,000, which were his proceeds from the crime. The maximum statutory imprisonment for a violation of the mail fraud statute is 20 years. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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