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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

For having Embezzled \$71,454.00 in Social Security benefits to which he was not entitled between May 15, 2002, and January 2008, Thomas Walter Mimms was sentenced by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, to serve 5 months in prison, which will be followed by a term of 5 months on house arrest as part of a 3 year term of Supervised Release, to pay \$71,454.00 in restitution, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

Mimm's mother was receiving Survivors' benefits under her previous husband's social security account. She died on May 15, 2002. The benefits continued to be direct deposited into her bank account until January of 2008. Mimms was a joint account holder on the account into which the benefits were being paid. Over the years, he accumulated and spent \$71,454.00 in benefits to which he was not entitled.

Name of Defendant: Thomas Walter Mimms

AKA:

Age: 61

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Embezzlement carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha

Location of Arrest: n/a

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$71,454.00

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: May 15, 2002 until January 2008

Federal Arrest Date: Summons was issued

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: March 19, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: April 22, 2008

Plea Date(s): November 26, 2008

Sentencing Date: February 23, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. F. A. Gossett

Released from Custody: April 22, 2008

In Continuous Custody Since: n/a

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Laurie Smith Camp

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