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NEWARK WOMAN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--CINDY BRONSON-FERNANDEZ, 46, of Newark, was charged in a Federal Criminal Complaint with Theft of Government Property. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who will handle the case, stated that the Complaint charges the defendant lied to Social Security Administration about her income sources and marital status to obtain over \$20,000 in social security benefits she would not otherwise have been entitled to.

The Complaint was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Edward Ryan.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.