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## **JURY CONVICTS LOGAN WOMAN OF SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

*Convicted of illegally claiming more than \$119,000 in benefits*

COLUMBUS – A United States District Court jury here today convicted Teran Michelle Mohler, aka Teran Buchman, 35, of Logan of stealing \$119,141 in Social Security benefits that were intended for the care of her minor child.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Elias Papoulias, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General, and Dan Osborne, Acting Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, announced the verdict returned today after a trial that began October 19 before United States District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.

Testimony presented during the trial showed that Mohler applied for Social Security benefits under the Mothers with Child in Care program, as well as survivor benefits for the child in 1991 after the child's father died. Each year, Mohler certified that the child was still living with her, but testimony in the trial proved that the child actually lived with her grandmother.

Theft of benefits is punishable by up to ten years imprisonment and restitution. Judge Sargus will set a date for sentencing.

Stewart commended the Social Security and Secret Service agents who conducted the investigation along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Dale E. Williams, who prosecuted the case.

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