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JURY RETURNS SPLIT VERDICTS IN SOUTHWEST AIRLINES TICKET SCHEME TRIAL

John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney, announced that this afternoon in San Antonio, a federal jury convicted three of five individuals on trial in connection with the Southwest Airline ticket scheme investigation.

The jury found San Antonio residents Mattie Laverne Epperson, Pedro Martinez, Jr., and Mark Edward Kedrowski guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of wire fraud. As a result, each faces up to 20 years in federal prison per count. The jury found Mark Gudanowski and Deborah Robinson not guilty of all charges.

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service sponsored South Texas Regional Task Force and was prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorneys Bill Baumann and Thomas Moore.

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