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TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

Davenport, IA – On July 15, 2011, in two separate cases, Bradley Shane McCorkle, age 41, of Moline, IL, and Derek Jeremiah Bowden, age 36, of Fort Madison, IA, were sentenced for offenses related to Social Security fraud, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. McCorkle was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment for theft of Social Security funds and Bowden was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for making false statements to a claims representative of the Social Security Administration. United States District Judge James E. Gritzner also sentenced both men to 3 years supervised release following imprisonment.

In August, 2008, McCorkle's mother passed away. At the time of her death she was receiving Social Security Disability benefits. Her death was not reported to the Social Security Administration and benefits continued to be deposited into her account. Bradley McCorkle gained access to the account as executor of his mother's estate and withdrew and spent over \$15,000 in Social Security benefits over the next year. After a three-day trial, McCorkle was convicted of theft of funds of the United States.

In January, 2007, Bowden received over \$40,000 from his mother's life insurance policy. Bowden began receiving Supplemental Security Income benefits that same month and did not report his receipt of the life insurance money to the Social Security Administration. On December 7, 2009, during an interview to determine Bowden's continued entitlement to benefits, Bowden lied to a claims representative by stating that he had no bank account or other resources.

In actuality Bowden had a bank account with a balance of \$9,000 left over from his mother's life insurance policy. Bowden pled guilty to making false statements to United States officers.

Both cases were investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa.

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