

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.

vs. * SECTION:

MELINDA ANN BILLIOT * VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 2113(b)

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this matter had gone to trial, the government would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible exhibits and evidence, including documentary and physical evidence, the following, to support the allegations contained in the one-count Bill of Information now pending against the accused, Melinda Ann BILLIOT:

Melinda Ann BILLIOT was employed as a personal banker at Whitney National Bank from 1997 until APRIL 2009. The Whitney National Bank where BILLIOT was employed is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). BILLIOT was also an assistant manager and as such she had a teller drawer and backed up the senior teller. BILLIOT'S teller drawer was audited on a quarterly basis. Beginning in early 2009 BILLIOT began to take money from her teller drawer and consolidated the discrepancy by altering her audit reports.

Between the dates of JANUARY 2009 and APRIL 2009 BILLIOT stole money from her teller drawer and stole it from the bank as she took the money with

her when she left the bank and used the money for her own personal gain. On those occasions BILLIOT covered up the missing stolen money from her teller drawer by creating fictitious audit reports which fraudulently reflected that her teller drawer was balanced. While BILLIOT was on vacation the bank audited her teller drawer and it was discovered that her teller drawer was unbalanced and short of funds. Upon an investigation and accounting by the bank it was estimated that the amount stolen by BILLIOT between the months of JANUARY 2009 and APRIL 2009 totals to approximately \$12,800.00 United States Dollars (USD). The bank management interviewed BILLIOT and she admitted and described her actions and upon being confronted with the out of balance amount of her teller drawer BILLIOT admitted to having systematically taken an estimated \$12,800.00 USD over a period of several months. BILLIOT confirmed the same upon being interviewed by Special Agents of the federal Bureau of Investigation.

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MELINDA ANN BILLIOT
Accused

Date