

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO. 11-024
v.	*	SECTION: "L"
GILISHIA GARRISON	*	VIOLATION: §18 U.S.C. 1030(a)4 §18 U.S.C. 1030(c)(3)A)

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FACTUAL BASIS

Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the government would have proved the following facts through the introduction of competent testimony and tangible exhibits to establish beyond a reasonable doubt the guilt of the defendant, **GILISHIA GARRISON**:

From a time in 2006 through the spring of 2010, the defendant, **GILISHIA GARRISON**, worked for the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff, as a part-time employee in Orleans Parish Prison. During all times relevant to this case **GILISHIA GARRISON** was also a full-time employee of the Clerk's Office for the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court.

Evidence would have been presented to prove that the Orleans Parish Prison (hereinafter "OPP") was a governmental entity of Orleans Parish, tasked with housing Orleans Parish Criminal defendants who had been ordered held on bail pending trial in the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. The government would have further proved that personal recognizance bonds are normally reserved for individual criminal defendants who have been determined by a judge of the Orleans Parish

Criminal District Court to not pose a danger to the community and to stand a strong likelihood to re-appear in court as ordered.

The OPP utilized a computerized system within which criminal defendants' and inmates' records of incarceration and bail status were retained. Among the information retained, controlled, and entered into this computerized system were a defendant's bail status and orders of release. A change in a defendant's bail status caused through the use of this computerized system effects a corresponding change to the official and publicly accessible internet site of the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff, an internet site that is fully integrated with and accessible through common and ordinary means of internet access.

Evidence would have been further presented to prove that **GILISHIA GARRISON** accessed this computerized system with the authorization of the Criminal Sheriff for Orleans Parish in the course of her employment at OPP. Part of **GILISHIA GARRISON's** official duties as an employee at OPP was to receive bail orders from judges of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court during non-official hours. Evidence and testimony would have been presented to prove that if a judge wished to change the bail status of a criminal defendant, he or she would call OPP from a pre-authorized phone number and order a bail status changed.

Evidence would have been presented to prove that as part of her employment, and upon receiving official orders from a judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, **GILISHIA GARRISON** would access the computerized system and change the bail status of criminal defendants. Evidence would have been further presented to prove that it was a common practice of the judges of


the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court to call OPP and change a defendant's bail status from a cash bond to being released on recognizance. It would have been further established that in order to effect such a change legitimately, a formal Order of Release would be authorized and signed by a judge; however, in common practice **GILISHIA GARRISON** would personally sign an Order of Release per a judge's instructions and with the consent of those Criminal District Court judges.

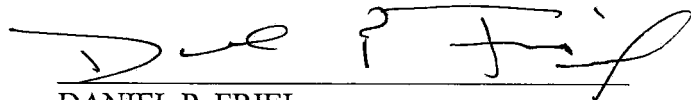
The government would have further proved that on December 12, 2008 **GILISHIA GARRISON** was paid one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) in the form of a money gram in exchange for accessing OPP's computerized system in excess of her authority and fraudulently effecting the release of Orleans Parish Criminal Defendant A. Evidence would also have been introduced to prove that **GILISHIA GARRISON** forged and fabricated an Order of Release that purported to show that a judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court had officially authorized Orleans Parish Criminal Defendant A's release and that Orleans Parish Criminal Defendant A's bond was reduced from \$75,000 to personal recognizance.


The government would have further proved that between December 13, 2009 and December 28, 2009 **GILISHIA GARRISON** was paid cash in exchange for accessing OPP's computerized system in excess of her authority and fraudulently effecting the release of Orleans Parish Criminal Defendants B, C, and D. Evidence would also have been introduced to prove that **GILISHIA GARRISON** forged and fabricated three Orders of Release that purported to show that a judge of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court had officially authorized the change in bail status of Orleans

Parish Criminal Defendants B, C, and D. These fabricated Orders of Release purported to show that Orleans Parish Criminal Defendant B's bond was ordered to be reduced from \$20,000.00 to personal recognizance, that Orleans Parish Criminal Defendant C's bond was ordered to be reduced from \$55,500.00 to personal recognizance; and that Orleans Parish Criminal Defendant D's bond was reduced from \$50,000.00 to personal recognizance

Each time the defendant, **GILISHIA GARRISON**, accessed the Sheriff's computerized system and manipulated the bail status for Orleans Parish Criminal Defendants, A, B, C, and D, she did so in excess of her authorization. The CINTAP system, was, in all respects, a protected computer within the definition of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030. Further, each time the defendant accessed this computer for the purpose of fraudulently manipulating the bail status of Orleans Parish Criminal Defendants A, B, C, and D, she did so for an illegitimate and improper purpose and in exchange for something of value, specifically the money gram and the cash payments described above.


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