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Michigan man pleads guilty to making false statements to Social Security Administration

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 53-year-old Michigan man pleaded guilty to making false statements to the Social Security Administration (“SSA”) after stealing approximately \$176,573 in disability benefit payments between November of 1992 and January of 2010. David Randall Litsey pleaded guilty to one count of making false statements to the SSA and one count of making false statements to the Commissioner of Social Security. Litsey, who was indicted on February 8, 2011, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge Joan N. Ericksen.

In his plea agreement, Litsey, formerly of Duluth, admitted that on May 30, 1986, he fraudulently completed an application for a social security number with a false date of birth and under the false name of Randall David Litsey. Based on that application, the SSA issued a social security card. On June 21, 1992, Litsey, using the fraudulent name and social security number, completed an application for disability insurance benefits. The application was approved, and between November of 1992 and January of 2010, the SSA paid Litsey benefits.

In addition, Litsey admitted that on July 12, 2006, he furnished false information to the Commissioner of Social Security when he completed an application for the replacement of a social security card. He falsely identified himself as Randall David Litsey and stated that the last social security card he received was in 1986, when in fact, that was not true.

Litsey also admitted that on October 29, 2008, he falsely identified himself as Randall David Litsey in a report used to determine rights to disability payments. Moreover, Litsey failed to report that he worked for TLC Home Healthcare, Inc., or Heartland PCA, and he failed to report his earnings from those employers.

For his crimes, Litsey faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison on each

charge. Judge Ericksen will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. This case is the result of an investigation by the SSA-Office of Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lola Velazquez-Aguilu.

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