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Man sentenced for making false statements to Social Security Administration

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court, a 53-year-old man was sentenced for making false statements to the Social Security Administration (“SSA”) after stealing approximately \$176,573 in disability benefit payments. United States District Court Judge Joan N. Ericksen sentenced David Randall Litsey, formerly of Michigan, to six months in prison and three years of probation on one count of making false statements to the SSA and one count of making false statements to the Commissioner of Social Security. Litsey was indicted on February 8, 2011, and pleaded guilty on April 12, 2011.

In his plea agreement, Litsey, formerly of Duluth, admitted he stole money from the SSA between November of 1992 and January of 2010. He also 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. Then, 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 a total of \$176,573 in 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 falsely reported when he had last received a replacement social security card.

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.

This case was the result of an investigation by the SSA-Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lola Velazquez-Aguilu.

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