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Former Secret Service Agent Sentenced to 28 Months in Prison for  
Pension Fraud and Negotiated Bad Checks

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NEWARK – A former Special Agent of the United States Secret Service was sentenced to 28 months in federal prison today for fraudulently acquiring a deceased woman's pension funds and passing bad checks, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Susan D. Wigenton also ordered Jared Dullum, 33, of Charlotte, N.C., to pay \$29,253 in restitution and a \$40,000 fine.

Dullum resided in Eatontown, N.J., and worked at the New York field office of the Secret Service during the course of his criminal conduct.

Dullum pleaded guilty on March 21, 2007, to Count One of a two-count Indictment. At his plea hearing, Dullum admitted that in January 2005 a woman identified as J.A.D., who had placed her trust in the defendant, passed away. Dullum admitted that prior to the woman's death he had forged her signature on a will dated July 20, 2004, which named him as the executor. Dullum admitted that he also forged the woman's signature on a trust which named him the trustee. Dullum subsequently mailed the will to an administrator of the pension fund from which J.A.D. was receiving benefits, he admitted. Dullum admitted that his fraudulent actions resulted in him receiving a check in the amount of \$29,253, a lump sum payment representing J.A.D.'s remaining pension benefits.

Furthermore, Dullum admitted that between May and June 2005, he received two counterfeit checks, in the amounts of \$10,500 and \$10,000, which he deposited into the trust account he set up in the name of J.A.D. and subsequently used the funds for his personal benefit.

In determining the actual sentence, Judge Wigenton consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, was not bound by those guidelines in determining the sentence.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Secret Service Inspection Division in Washington, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Kit Menches, with the investigation.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erez Liebermann of the U.S. Attorney's Office Commercial Crime unit in Newark.

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