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DEFENDANT WHO MADE A FALSE STATEMENT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION PLEADS GUILTY

*Defendant Pleads Guilty to Submitting a False Statement to the Social Security
Administration in Connection with his Receipt of Social Security Disability Insurance
Benefits*

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Edward J. Ryan, Special Agent-in-Charge, Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, New York Field Office, announced that JOSEPH BAKER, age 46, of Schenectady, New York, pled guilty in United States District Court in Albany before District Judge Mae A. D'Agostino to one count of making a false statement in connection with the receipt of disability benefits.

During the plea proceeding, BAKER admitted that on August 29, 2008 he submitted a form to the Social Security Administration in which he falsely under reported the amount of money he had earned from self employment activities. The form was used by the Social Security Administration in determining the amount of disability benefits to be paid to BAKER. As a result of BAKER's false statement, he and his dependents were paid over \$25,000 to which they were not entitled.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge D'Agostino for August 22, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York. BAKER faces a maximum penalty of five years of imprisonment and a \$250,000.00 fine. BAKER was released pending his sentencing.

This case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General.

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