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SCHENECTADY MAN SENTENCED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

False Statements Led to \$25,000 of Fraudulent Disability Benefits

Albany, New York — JOSEPH BAKER, age 47, of Schenectady, New York, was sentenced on August 22, 2012 by United States District Court Judge Mae A. D'Agostino, in Albany to three years of probation for making a false statement in connection with the receipt of disability benefits, announced 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. BAKER, who had entered a guilty plea on April 26, 2012, was also ordered to pay \$25,407.20 in restitution.

BAKER falsely under-reported the amount of hours worked and the amount of money he had earned from self-employment activities on a form used to confirm his entitlement to disability benefits. As a result of BAKER's false statements, he and his dependents received more than \$25,000 to which they were not entitled.

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

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