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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a two-count Information ¹ against Barbara Murphy, charging her with one count of theft of government money, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641, and one count of making false statements, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. According to the charges, Murphy converted to her own use approximately \$97,917 in Social Security benefits, which were intended for William Barnes, who was deceased, and which Murphy knew she was not entitled to receive. According to the charges, Murphy also knowingly submitted a false statement regarding her income and resources to the Social Security Administration in connection with her application for Supplemental Security Income benefits. Murphy’s false statement caused the Social Security Administration to overpay Murphy approximately \$40,766 in Supplemental Security Income benefits. In total, Murphy defrauded the Social Security Administration out of approximately \$138,683.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Barbara Murphy	Philadelphia, PA	62

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of fifteen years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, a \$500,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General; and has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Robert W. Flynn.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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