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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a one-count Information ¹ against Ronnie Scutching, charging him with one count of theft of government money, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641. According to the charges, Scutching fraudulently obtained a Social Security Number in the name of Ronnie Sanderson from the Social Security Administration. Scutching then used the false name Sanderson and fraudulently obtained Social Security Number to apply for Supplemental Security Income benefits. In Scutching’s fraudulent application for Supplemental Security Income benefits he knowingly and falsely stated his name, date of birth, Social Security Number, marital status, and income, which included Social Security disability benefits that he already received under his true name and Social Security Number. In doing so, Scutching converted to his own use approximately \$63,966 in Social Security benefits, which he knew he was not entitled to receive.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Ronnie Scutching	Philadelphia, PA	49

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of ten years imprisonment, three years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 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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