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## **NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an information charging Joy Jones with one count of theft of government money. The information alleges that Jones defrauded the Social Security Administration by converting to her own use disability insurance benefit payments intended for her stepfather for a period of more than 9 years after his death, resulting in losses to the government of approximately \$48,779.00.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME      | ADDRESS          | AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH |
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| JOY JONES | Philadelphia, PA | 61                   |

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

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General and is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Theresa A. Casey.

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