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NEWS RELEASE

A five-count indictment¹ was unsealed today charging Serena Thomas-Erby and Marian Murphy with conspiracy to embezzle public funds, to commit mail fraud, and to commit wire fraud, and conversion of federal funds, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Defendant Thomas-Erby is also charged with wire fraud. The indictment alleges that, from in or about 2000 through and including in or about September 2007, Thomas-Erby and Murphy were employed by Global Associates, Ltd. ("Global") in Philadelphia. Global allegedly maintained contracts with the United States Naval Inactive Ships Maintenance Office ("NISMO") to maintain inactive vessels at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and elsewhere. The defendants allegedly used mail and wire transmissions to fraudulently obtain more than \$400,000 in federal funds by causing fraudulent travel and other expense documentation to be submitted for reimbursement to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service ("DFAS") in Columbus, Ohio. Thomas-Erby also allegedly defrauded Global by using its funds to purchase computer equipment for her personal use.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Serena Thomas-Erby	Pennsauken, NJ	53
Marian Murphy	Sewell, NJ	61

If convicted, defendant Thomas-Erby faces a maximum sentence of 75 years in prison, three years supervised release, a \$1.25 million fine, mandatory restitution, and a \$500 special assessment. Defendant Murphy faces a maximum possible sentence of 15 years in prison, three years supervised release, a \$500,000 fine, mandatory restitution, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen A. Miller.

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