

**+IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. _____
v.	:	DATE FILED: _____
JALEEL INMAN JONES	:	VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1341 (mail fraud - 1 count)
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INFORMATION

COUNT ONE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this information:

1. The Philadelphia Electric Company (“PECO”) was an electric utility company, doing business in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which for a fee provided electricity to residential, commercial and industrial customers.
2. PECO installed, maintained, monitored and utilized locked or sealed meters on its customers’ property to record the amount of electricity used by customers and to prepare bills for customers based upon the readings taken from these electric meters.
3. PECO billed its customers for electricity usage by way of the United States mails.
4. Defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES was not a PECO employee and was not

authorized by PECO to unlock, unseal or in any way alter PECO electric meters during the time frame material to this indictment.

THE SCHEME

5. From on or about September 2007 and continuing until at least in or about July 2009, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

JALEEL INMAN JONES

and other persons, known and unknown to the grand jury, devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud PECO and to obtain money and property from PECO by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

MANNER AND MEANS

It was part of the scheme that:

6. For payments of money received from certain PECO customers, known and unknown to the grand jury, defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES tampered with, and caused to be tampered with, the electric meters of these customers so that the meters would not record accurately the true amount of electricity which the customers used, and so that PECO's bills to those customers would charge less than the charge for the true amount of electricity used by these customers.

7. From in or about September 2007 to in or about July 2009, defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES requested and induced, and attempted to induce, PECO customers to pay him a fee to "slow down" the meter readings for the electric meters associated with their properties.

8. After payment of a fee, defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES tampered with PECO customers' electric meters by installing devices that prevented the meters from recording the true amount of electricity used by these customers. This resulted in false meter readings and billings for each monthly cycle.

9. Defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES was a former PECO contractor and owned a PECO shirt he would wear when he tampered with the meters of PECO customers.

10. Defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES solicited PECO customers by asking them for names of potential additional PECO customers whose electrical meters he could tamper.

11. Defendant JALEEL INMAN JONES received from these PECO customers payments ranging from \$50 to \$150 dollars per meter he tampered.

12. As a result of the tampering with these meters, PECO suffered a loss of revenues of approximately \$37,664.68.

13. On or about each of the dates set forth below, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

JALEEL INMAN JONES

and other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, for the purpose of executing the scheme described above, and attempting to do so, knowingly caused PECO to place in an authorized depository for mail, the following electric bills, which falsely and fraudulently charged amounts less than that which was actually due and owing to PECO:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Bill Amount</u>	<u>Customer/Address</u>
01/28/2008	XXXXXX0027	\$ 19.53	F.W. Philadelphia, PA 19131

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

ZANE DAVID MEMEGER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY