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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**RONDA J. KNOX and  
MICHAEL W. KNOX,**

**Defendants.**

**CR 25 - 31 M-DWM**

**INDICTMENT**

**CONSPIRACY (Count 1)**

**Title 42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(5)**

**(Penalty: Five years of imprisonment,  
\$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised  
release)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD (Count 2)**

**Title 42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(4)**

**(Penalty: Five years of imprisonment,  
\$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised  
release)**

**SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD (Count 3)**

**Title 42 U.S.C. § 408(a)(3)**

**(Penalty: Five years of imprisonment,  
\$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised  
release)**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

COUNT 1

That in and around November 2022, at Missoula, in Missoula County, in the State and District of Montana, the defendants, RONDA J. KNOX and MICHAEL W. KNOX, knowingly and unlawfully conspired to make, and caused to be made, any false statement and representation of a material fact for use in determining rights to Supplemental Security Income benefits of RONDA J. KNOX, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(1), that is, the defendants, RONDA J. KNOX and MICHAEL W. KNOX, misrepresented their living arrangements to the Social Security Administration by claiming they did not live together, which they knew to be false, all in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(5).

COUNT 2

That beginning in and around February 2021, and continuing until approximately August 2024, at Missoula, in Missoula County, in the State and District of Montana, and elsewhere, the defendant, RONDA J. KNOX, having knowledge of an event affecting her initial and continued right to Supplemental Security Income, knowingly concealed and failed to disclose such event to the Social Security Administration with a fraudulent intent to secure such benefit in a greater amount and quantity than was due and when no payment was authorized, that is, the defendant, RONDA J. KNOX, intentionally concealed and failed to disclose that she resided with her husband, which, if truthfully revealed, would have affected and

reduced her receipt of Supplemental Security Income benefits, in whole and in part, from the Social Security Administration, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(3).


COUNT 3

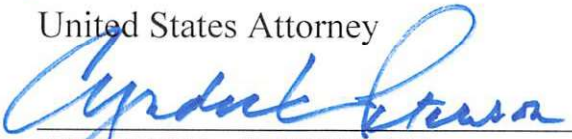
That beginning in and around September 2020, and continuing until approximately August 2024, at Missoula, in Missoula County, in the State and District of Montana, and elsewhere, the defendant, MICHAEL W. KNOX, having knowledge of occurrences affecting his continued right to receive any payment under Subchapter II of Title 42, United States Code, knowingly concealed and failed to disclose the occurrences to the Social Security Administration, and knowingly intended to fraudulently secure the benefit in a greater amount than was due and when no payment was authorized, that is, the defendant, MICHAEL W. KNOX, intentionally concealed and failed to disclose his employment, which, if truthfully revealed, would have affected his receipt of Social Security Disability Insurance benefits from the Social Security Administration, in whole and in part, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 408(a)(4).

A TRUE BILL.

Foreperson signature redacted. Original document filed under seal.

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