

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ORANGEBURG DIVISION

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  | ) | CRIMINAL NO. <del>3</del> 26-cr-528 |
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|                           | ) | 18 U.S.C. § 641                     |
| v.                        | ) | 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)            |
|                           | ) | 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)              |
|                           | ) | 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c)                 |
|                           | ) | 42 U.S.C. § 1383a(a)(3)             |
| RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERE     | ) |                                     |
| a/k/a "Ruth M. Singleton" | ) | <b><u>SEALED INDICTMENT</u></b>     |

BACKGROUND

At all times material to this Indictment:

SUPPLEMENTAL SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

1. The Social Security Act established a number of programs, including the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program, that pays benefits to individuals with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind, or over 65 years old.

2. The Social Security Administration (SSA), an agency of the United States, administers the SSI Program.

3. SSI benefits are paid from the general fund of the United States Department of Treasury.

4. An individual is eligible for SSI benefits if the individual was disabled, blind, or aged and had limited income or resources.

5. Under the SSI Program, SSA pays monthly cash benefits to individuals SSA finds to be medically "disabled" as that term is defined under the Social Security Act. Recipients of SSI benefits were required to certify any changes in their medical or employment status to SSA,

including any work activity, whether compensated or not. Eligibility for SSI benefits was conditioned on the recipient's lack of substantial income during the period when SSI benefits were paid. To receive SSI benefits, SSA must have determined that an individual's medical disability prohibited him or her from working at a substantial gainful activity level.

6. On June 8, 1967, SSA assigned RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERE a social security number (SSN) with a date of birth listed as April 11, 1954.

7. SSA records indicate RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERE currently resides at 3672 Maybank Highway, Apartment 404, Johns Island, SC, 29455, and she currently receives \$1,807 in monthly Title II SSA retirement insurance benefits.

8. On October 15, 1975, SSA assigned a SSN to Ruth M. Singleton with a date of birth listed as April 11, 1959, exactly 5 years to the day allegedly younger than RUTH MIRANDA CARRIER.

9. SSA records indicate Ruth M. Singleton also currently resides at 3672 Maybank Highway, Apartment 404, Johns Island, SC, 29455, and she currently receives \$321 in monthly Title XVI SSI benefits.

10. RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERE has been receiving SSA Title XVI SSI benefits since her January 15, 2009, SSI application under the name and SSN of Ruth Singleton (then Ruth Weber) and after affirming, among other representations, "I have not used any other social security number(s)".

11. From January 1, 2009, until April 2026, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERE received SSI benefit payments under the name Ruth Singleton or Ruth Weber in a total amount of \$54,206.24.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

12. The Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Program (SNAP) is a federally funded

program through the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by each state.

13. From May 2022, until April 2026, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERRE received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit payments under the name Ruth Singleton in a total amount of \$7,232.

**COUNT 1**

*(Theft of Government Property)*

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

14. Paragraphs 1 through 13 are incorporated herein by reference.

15. From on or about January 2009, through on or about April 2026, in the District of South Carolina and elsewhere, the defendant, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERRE, a/k/a Ruth M. Singleton, did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal, purloin, and convert to her own use or the use of another, on a recurring basis, money belonging to the United States and the Department of Treasury, a department or agency of the United States, namely, Supplemental Security Income benefits to which she was not entitled, and in a total amount of more than \$1,000.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 641.

**COUNT 2**

*(Theft of Government Property)*

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

16. Paragraphs 1 through 13 are incorporated herein by reference.

17. From on or about May 2022, through on or about April 2026, in the District of South Carolina and elsewhere, the defendant, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERRE, a/k/a Ruth M. Singleton, did knowingly and willfully embezzle, steal, purloin, and convert to her own use or the use of another, on a recurring basis, money belonging to the United States and the Department of Agriculture, a department or agency of the United States, namely, Supplemental Nutritional

Assistance benefits to which she was not entitled, and in a total amount of more than \$1,000.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 641.

**COUNT 3**

*(Supplemental Security Income Fraud)*

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

18. Paragraphs 1 through 13 are incorporated herein by reference.

19. From on or about January 2009, through on or about April 2026, in the District of South Carolina and elsewhere, the defendant, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERRE, a/k/a Ruth M. Singleton, having knowledge of the occurrence of any event affecting her initial or continued right to any such benefit, concealed or failed to disclose such event with an intent to fraudulently secure such benefit in either a greater amount or quantity than was due or when no such benefit was authorized.

In violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1383a(a)(3)

**COUNT 4**

*(Material False Statement)*

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

20. That on or about March 24, 2026, in the District of South Carolina, the defendant, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERRE, a/k/a Ruth M. Singleton, did knowingly and willfully make a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement and representation in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States; to wit: she told a Special Agent of the SSA's Office of Inspector General that she has only been known by the last names Singleton and Booker and that she was unaware of anyone named Ruth Carrierre when in truth, she was Ruth Carrierre and she operated under that name;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2).

**FORFEITURE****THEFT OF PUBLIC MONEY:**

Upon conviction for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641 as charged in this Indictment, the Defendant, RUTH MIRANDA CARRIERRE a/k/a Ruth M. Singleton, shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, constituting, derived from, or traceable to proceeds the Defendant obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such offense.

**PROPERTY:**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the property which is subject to forfeiture upon conviction of the Defendant for the violation charged in this Indictment includes, but is not limited to, the following:

**Proceeds/ Forfeiture Judgment:**

A sum of money equal to all proceeds the Defendant obtained directly or indirectly from the offense charged in the Indictment, that is, a minimum of approximately \$63,492.24 in United States currency, and all interest and proceeds traceable thereto for her violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641.

**SUBSTITUTE ASSETS:**

If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the Defendant –

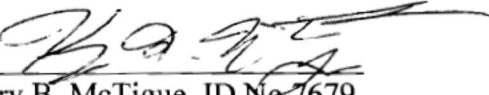
- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been comingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), [incorporating Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p)], to seek forfeiture of any other property of the said Defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A True BILL  
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