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EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**FELONY**

BILL OF INFORMATION FOR WIRE FRAUD

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO.:

**22-00067**

v.

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SECTION:

**SECT. LMAG. 3**

ANITA WILLENE HOBDY

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VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1343

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The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. The defendant, **ANITA WILLENE HOBDY** (“**HOBDY**”), resided in or around LaPlace, Louisiana, which is in the Eastern District of Louisiana.
2. **HOBDY** worked for approximately 15 years as the bookkeeper for First Baptist Church in LaPlace, as well as their on-site daycare, Wee Care (collectively, “First Baptist Church”).
3. **HOBDY** handled payroll and procurement for First Baptist Church.
4. **HOBDY** had access to, and control over, First Baptist Church’s bank accounts and credit cards.

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5. Transactions in the First Baptist Church bank accounts at Capital One caused wire communications to be transmitted in interstate commerce.

**B. THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD:**

Beginning in or around January 2011, and continuing until at least February 2021, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **ANITA WILLENE HOBODY**, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, by embezzling funds from the First Baptist Church.

**C. MANNER AND MEANS:**

It was further a part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **HOBODY** used the First Baptist Church's accounts to pay her own personal expenses without reimbursing the church or informing church officials about the expenses.

It was further a part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **HOBODY** withdrew cash and transferred funds to her personal accounts from the First Baptist Church's accounts, without reimbursing the church or informing church officials about the expenses.

It was further a part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that **HOBODY** acted under fraudulent pretenses by treating the personal expenses, withdrawals, and transfers as church expenses.

It was further a part of the scheme and artifice to defraud that during the course of **HOBODY**'s employment by the First Baptist Church, **HOBODY** embezzled at least \$175,124.26 from the church's bank accounts for **HOBODY**'s own personal use.

**D. THE OFFENSE:**

On or about May 22, 2017, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, **ANITA WILLENE HOBODY**, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the scheme and artifice to defraud set forth above, did transmit and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures and sounds, to wit: a transfer of \$400.00 from the First Baptist Church account to **HOBODY**'s personal account, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of Count 1 are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States.


2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Count 1, the defendant, **ANITA WILLENE HOBODY**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property real or personal which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to said offenses.

3. If any of the above-described property, 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 commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

the United States shall seek a money judgment and, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of said property.

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