

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

INDICTMENT FOR
FALSE STATEMENTS TO AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.
v. * SECTION:
SANJOY BHATTACHARYA * VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1001
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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD") is an agency of the United States of America.
2. Hurricane Katrina struck southeastern Louisiana on or about August 29, 2005.
3. After Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast area, including New Orleans, Louisiana, and as a result of legislation passed by the Congress of the United States of America with

the approval of the President of the United States, funds were appropriated to HUD for a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") for Louisiana Hurricane victims. The purpose of the CDBG was to assist and aid owners of property damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and Rita in August and September of 2005. The grant money was disbursed under a program known as the Louisiana Road Home Program (the "Program"). HUD prepared the rules and regulations governing the disbursement of grant money through the State of Louisiana. The State of Louisiana, through the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, contracted with ICF International, Inc. to administer the Program.

4. A requirement for receiving grant money from the Program was that damaged property had to be the primary residence of the applicant on August 29, 2005.

5. On or about September 21, 2007, the defendant, **SANJOY BHATTACHARYA**, attended a closing of his Louisiana Road Home Program grant application.

6. On or about October 10, 2007, **SANJOY BHATTACHARYA** received a Louisiana Road Home grant in the amount of \$84,423.00.

B. THE FALSE STATEMENT:

On or about September 21, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **SANJOY BHATTACHARYA**, did knowingly and willfully make a false, fictitious and fraudulent statement and representation in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, an agency of the United States, and its agents, in that he stated that his primary residence was located at 2436-38 Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 on August 29, 2005 in an affidavit for Louisiana Road Home grant money, when in truth and in fact, as

defendant, **SANJOY BHATTACHARYA**, well knew, the property located at 2436-38 Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA 70115 was not his primary residence on August 29, 2005.

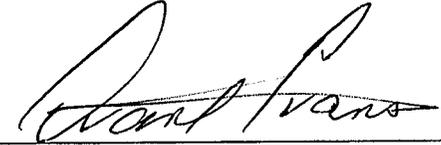
All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

A TRUE BILL:

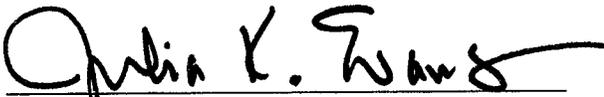
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