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## **Farragut, Iowa, Resident Sentenced for Theft of Social Security Funds**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On July 1, 2014, Sharon Jean Manchester, a 51 year-old resident of Farragut, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge John Jarvey to a year and one day in prison, and three years of supervised release following the period of imprisonment, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Manchester entered a guilty plea on February 6, 2014, to committing Social Security Fraud from October, 2008, up to July of 2013. Manchester was also ordered to pay restitution to the Social Security Administration in the amount of \$48,815.93.

The charge was the result of an investigation into the payment of funds by the Social Security Administration to Sharon Manchester which were based on Sharon Manchester's claim that she was not receiving financial support from her husband, co-defendant Andrew Manchester. Investigation showed that during the entire period of time Sharon Manchester claimed to be unsupported by Andrew Manchester, he did provide financial support that made Sharon Manchester ineligible for Social Security benefits.

Co-defendant Andrew Manchester pleaded guilty previously to the charge of possession of a false document, and is awaiting sentencing.

The investigation was conducted by the Fremont County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, Page County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, and the Social Security Administration - Office of the Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for Southern District of Iowa.