

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

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	*	<b>CRIMINAL NO. 15-208</b>
<b>VERSUS</b>	*	<b>SECTION: "F" (4)</b>
<b>TRACY C. HARTMAN</b>	*	<b>VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)</b>
	*	<b>18 U.S.C. § 2</b>
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**FACTUAL BASIS**

Should this matter have gone to trial, the Government would have proved, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegation in the Bill of Information now pending against the defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**. The Defendant has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the Bill of Information charging her with false statements to an agency of the United States in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2).

The defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**, resided in the Eastern District of Louisiana. **TRACY C. HARTMAN'S** husband was employed as a firefighter in St. Bernard Parish.

In 2005, defendant's home was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

On or about January 4, 2006, a Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster loan in the amount of \$182,700 was approved for defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**, and her husband.

The defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**, and her husband defaulted on the SBA loan and in or around June, 2010 the SBA began garnishment proceedings with St. Bernard Parish for defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**, husband's payroll checks from St. Bernard Parish.

In or around December, 2011, the SBA stopped receiving garnishment payments from St. Bernard Parish on behalf of defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**, and her husband.

St. Bernard Parish received a letter dated November 15, 2011, hand delivered by defendant **TRACY C. HARTMAN**'s husband, purporting to be from the SBA claiming the debt had been paid and to stop the garnishment.

The letter was a forgery and was not prepared by the SBA. **TRACY C. HARTMAN** prepared the fraudulent letter.

On or about April 20, 2012, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Small Business Administration, Office of Inspector General, an agency of the United States government, the defendant, **TRACY C. HARTMAN**, knowingly and willfully made a false, fictitious, and fraudulent material statement and representation in an interview which took place in the Eastern District of Louisiana with Inspectors General of the SBA, in that the defendant represented that she did not know the origin of a fraudulent letter hand delivered to the St. Bernard Parish government on or about November 29, 2011 when in fact she composed the letter herself, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2) and 2.

The defendant and Government agree that the loss amount pursuant to Section 2B1.1 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines is the amount of money the St. Bernard Parish government stopped remitting to the United States from the time it received the fraudulent letter to the time the fraud was discovered and the garnishment was reinstated. The amount does not exceed \$9,443.00, including relevant conduct.

The facts would have been proven with testimony of agents of the U.S. Small Business Administration, as well as documentary evidence.

**READ AND APPROVED:**

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**TRACY C. HARTMAN**  
Defendant

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