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

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**BILL OF INFORMATION FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS
TO OBTAIN FEDERAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN

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CRIMINAL NO.

18-15

SECTION:

SECT. 1 MAG. 4

VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 1920

The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. The defendant, **LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN**, was employed by the United States Postal Service (USPS).

2. The Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA) provides certain disability compensation benefits for civilian employees of the United States Government who sustain on-the-job injuries or employment-related occupational illness or disease. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Office of Workers' Compensation

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Programs (OWCP). The receipt of benefits is authorized under Title 5, chapter 81, subchapter I of the United States Code.

3. Among other benefits, OWCP pays all covered wage loss, medical bills, and other related costs associated with making the injured employee (claimant) whole. OWCP allows federal employees who sustain on-the-job injuries to receive medical payments and compensation benefits, including reimbursement for medically-related travel.

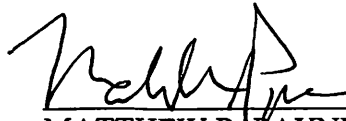
4. Claimants seeking medically-related travel reimbursements are required to complete OWCP Form 957, Medical Travel Refund Request. OWCP Form 957 requires claimants to substantiate their medically-related travel claims; including the date of the medically-related travel, the starting and ending locations of the medically-related travel, the name and address of the medical facility, the total distance in miles traveled, and any parking or toll fees incurred.

5. Beginning on or about April 2, 2015, through on or about June 23, 2017, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN**, knowingly and willfully submitted false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements or representations to USDOL OWCP regarding her medically-related travel claims. Specifically, **LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN** submitted OWCP Form 957, Medical Travel Refund Request, forms on which she falsely stated to USDOL OWCP that she incurred expenses for travel for medical treatment when, in fact, she did not incur such expenses. In total, **LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN** received a total of \$16,851.10 in benefits as a result of her fraudulent representations.

B. THE OFFENSE

Beginning on or about April 2, 2015, and continuing through on or about June 23, 2017, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN**, did knowingly and willfully make false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements or representations in connection with an application for receipt of compensation or other benefit or payment under subchapter I or III of chapter 81 of Title 5 of the United States Code, to wit: false OWCP Form 957 claims for medically-related travel expenses, and as result falsely obtained benefits in excess of \$1,000; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1920.

DUANE A. EVANS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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18 U.S.C. § 1920

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By _____, Deputy


Assistant United States Attorney
MATTHEW R. PAYNE

DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: ☒ INFORMATION ☐ INDICTMENTMatter Sealed: ☐ Juvenile ☐ Other than Juvenile
☐ Pre-Indictment Plea ☐ Superseding ☐ Defendant Added
☐ Indictment ☐ Charges/Counts Added
☐ Information

Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location (City)

 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN
 DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA Divisional Office

 Name and Office of Person J. Chauvin
 Furnishing Information on ☒ U.S. Atty ☐ Other U.S. Agency
 THIS FORM Phone No. (504) 680-3000

 Name of Asst. Matthew R. Payne
 U.S. Attorney
 (if assigned)

PROCEEDING

 Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)
SA Jackie Norris, USPS/OIG
☐ person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court
 (give name of court)

☐ this person/proceeding transferred from another district
 per (circle one) FRCrP 20, 21 or 40. Show District

☐ this is a reprosecution of charges
 previously dismissed which were
 dismissed on motion of:

☐ U.S. Atty ☐ Defense

☐ this prosecution relates to a
 pending case involving this same
 defendant. (Notice of Related
 Case must still be filed with the
 Clerk.)

☐ prior proceedings or appearance(s)
 before U.S. Magistrate Judge
 regarding this defendant were
 recorded under
SHOW
DOCKET NO.MAG. JUDGE
CASE NO.
 Place of offense Orleans Parish County

CASE NO. _____

USA vs.

LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN

Defendant: _____

Address: _____

☐ Interpreter Required Dialect: _____

 Birth Date 1977 ☐ Male ☐ Alien
☒ Female (if applicable)

 Social Security Number xxx-xx-2281

DEFENDANT

Issue: ☐ Warrant ☒ Summons

Location Status:

Arrest Date _____ or Date Transferred to Federal Custody _____

☒ Currently in Federal Custody☐ Currently in State Custody☐ Writ Required☐ Currently on bond☐ FugitiveDefense Counsel (if any): Robert Jones, IV☐ FPD ☐ CJA ☒ RET'D☐ Appointed on Target Letter☐ This report amends AO 257 previously submitted

OFFENSE CHARGED - U.S.C. CITATION - STATUTORY MAXIMUM PENALTIES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

Total # of Counts 1

Set	Title & Section/Offense Level (Petty = 1 / Misdemeanor = 3 / Felony = 4)	Description of Offense Charged	Count(s)
4	18 USC § 1920	Making False Statements to Obtain Federal Workers' Compensation Benefits	1

NO MAGISTRATE PAPERS WERE FOUND

For

NAME: LEXY LOPEZ-BATEMAN

Initials: TBL