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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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FALSE STATEMENT TO A FEDERAL AGENCY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMES BRIANT

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CRIMINAL DOCKET NO.

18-121

SECTION:

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VIOLATION:

18 U.S.C. § 1001

The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT 1

A. AT ALL MATERIAL TIMES HEREIN:

1. The United States Social Security Administration was an agency or department of the United States.

2. In 1956, the Social Security Act of 1935 was amended to establish a Trust Fund within the United States Treasury to provide assistance to individuals who have reached a certain age, or suffer a disability, and have lost earning power. The purpose of the Trust fund is to reduce dependency on private or public charity.

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3. The Trust Fund is funded through taxpayer dollars and constitutes funds of the United States.

4. Title II of the Social Security Act is meant to pay benefits to individuals with disabilities preventing them from working (“Disability Benefits”).

5. Title II programs rely on beneficiaries to accurately report their disability and any changes in their income.

6. Eligibility for Disability Benefits is difficult to verify without accurate reporting by beneficiaries as to their income or changes in their financial resources.

7. On or about June 10, 2010, the defendant, **JAMES BRIANT**, applied for disability benefits for a back disorder and heart disease.

8. In or around December 2011, the defendant, **JAMES BRIANT**, began receiving monthly disability benefits of approximately \$2,370, based on his representation that he was disabled and unable to work.

9. On or about June 18, 2011, the Social Security Administration advised the defendant, **JAMES BRIANT**, that he was required to report any income changes to the Social Security Office.

10. At a time unknown but prior to September 2012, Alpha Mortgage, L.L.C. was a mortgage company in Mandeville, Louisiana, within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

11. On or about August 8, 2012, and continuing to the present, the defendant, **JAMES BRIANT**, worked as the manager and a senior loan officer at Alpha Mortgage, L.L.C.

12. From in or around August 2012 through the present, the defendant, **JAMES BRIANT** failed to report any income changes to the Social Security Administration.

13. **JAMES BRIANT** earned the below income from Alpha Mortgage, L.L.C. from 2013 through 2016:

Year	Income
2013	\$31,150
2014	\$66,200
2015	\$131,311
2016	\$47,492 (1st and 2nd Quarter)

B. THE OFFENSE:

From on or about December 15, 2015, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JAMES BRIANT**, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, did knowingly and willfully make materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations, namely: that he completed an SSA-Form 795, certifying, under penalty of perjury that he had not worked since 2011, and failed to disclose a material fact to the Social Security Administration that he was working full time as the manager and senior loan officer at Alpha Mortgage, while at the same time receiving Social Security Disability benefit payments in the amount of approximately \$134,194.00, for which he knew he was not entitled.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1001(a)(2).

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