

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LA.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO. 17-235

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VERSUS

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SECTION: "R"

WILLIAM W. BLEVINS  
CLERK

JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER

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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 allegations in the Indictment now pending against the defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER**. The Defendant has agreed to plead guilty as charged to one count of the Indictment charging him with sixteen counts of Bank Fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344. The United States will dismiss fifteen counts at sentencing. The defendant acknowledges the total loss amount of \$321,491 and that the amount will be used for both restitution and guideline purposes.

"Congregation A" is a Church of Christ congregation located in Gretna, Louisiana, within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

**JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER** was the evangelist and had been employed there for nearly twenty years.

**JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER** had custody and control of church banking records.

In or around 2006 and continuing to on or about December 31, 2013, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER**, did knowingly and willfully devise and intend to artificial to defraud Capital One Bank and the First National Bank of Jefferson Parish to obtain monies, funds, credits, assets, securities and other property under the care, custody and

control of the banks in the amount of approximately \$321,491 owned by “Congregation A”, by means of fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

The defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER**, created false payees in the church check registry, in that the defendant **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER** wrote checks to himself and other entities and creditors and indicated on the church records that the checks were written to different parties for legitimate church purposes.

The defendant **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER** concealed the bank statements from church elders, thus hiding the defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER**'s, fraudulent scheme.

The defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER**, stole money from “Congregation A” by establishing, without church permission, an online account funded with church monies.

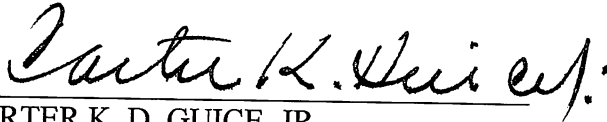
Once the online account was established, the defendant **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER** made unauthorized ACH withdrawals used for the purpose of paying personal expenses.

The defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER** had access to a church checking account which required another church official to co-sign the checks.

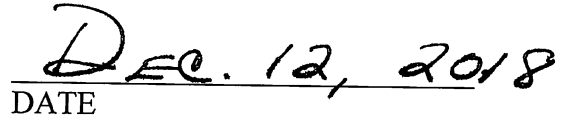
The defendant, **JOSEPH R. ALEXANDER**, forged the signature of the second church official on the check without his permission in order to purloin church funds.

The facts would have been proven with testimony of Special Agents of the Postal Inspection Service and employees of various financial institutions and members of Congregation A.

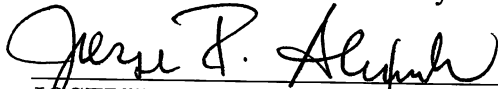
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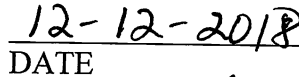
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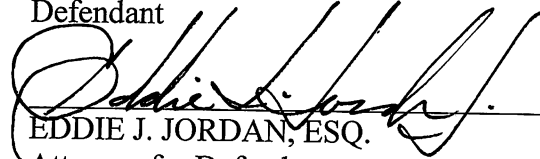
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