

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

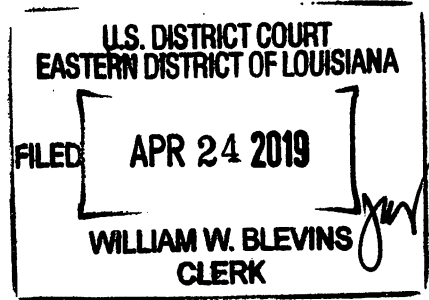
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA \* CRIMINAL NO. 18-156

VERSUS \* SECTION: "R"

TRINA ROBAIR \*  
MICHAEL REED \*

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FACTUAL BASIS



Should this matter have proceeded to trial United States would have proven through testimony and relevant evidence the following:

Defendant Trina Robair was a caretaker for an individual who lived in New Orleans, Louisiana in the Eastern District of Louisiana and died on February 6, 2016 (Individual A). Individual A had given defendant Robair permission to manage her financial affairs because she was elderly and infirmed. Individual A did not give permission to steal money from her estate. After her death, Trina Robair made unauthorized withdrawals from deceased Individual A's account. According to the provisions of Individual A's will, Individual B was appointed the executrix for Individual A's estate, not the defendant Robair. The schemes took place from February to July of 2016.

SCHEME ONE

Defendant Robair used four schemes to fraudulently obtain Individual A's money. The first scheme involved simply forging Individual A's signature to checks drawn on her Region's account. Defendant Trina Robair took and carried away funds under the care, custody and control

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of Regions Bank, an institution then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in this manner.

**SCHEME TWO**

The second scheme involved Robair fraudulently withdrawing money from Individual A's account via automatic teller machine (ATM) transactions and debit card purchases as well as electronic funds transfers (EFT).


**SCHEME THREE**

The third scheme involved the defendant without authority removing \$33,200 and \$16,000 from Individual A's Fidelity Investment Account and having the checks sent to 722 Mazant Street New Orleans, LA 70117. Robair impersonated Individual A in an interstate telephonic conversation with Fidelity.

**SCHEME FOUR**

The fourth scheme involved defendant Trina Robair engaging in fraudulent activity with Michael Reed. Defendant Robair and Reed devised a scheme in which Reed would perform renovation projects at Individual A's home, but in truth and in fact he never performed these repairs. Defendant Robair would write Reed a check, he would deposit the check into his account at Capital One Bank and USAA Banks and then kick back 50% (fifty) of the amount of the check, purportedly for renovation work, to Trina Robair. Approximately \$40,000 was fraudulently obtained in this matter. Robair received approximately \$20,000 through this scheme. Defendant Reed received \$20,000 through this scheme. Defendant Reed was only involved in Scheme Four.


The government would establish at trial that Robair's total illicit profits from all schemes combined is \$149,500. These facts would be proven through the testimony of agents of the United States Postal Inspection Service and documents and testimony of various financial institutions.

  
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Defendant

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