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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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**INDICTMENT FOR THEFT OF
GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO.

21-30

v.

* SECTION:

SECT. F MAG. 1

BETTY ARRINGTON

* VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 641

a/k/a "Betty Callie Arrington"

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a/k/a "Betty Francis C Miller"

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a/k/a "Betty Miller"

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The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:

1. The Social Security Administration ("SSA") was a government agency responsible for the management of the Social Security program as defined in the Social Security Act.

2. Social Security was a social insurance program that provided eligible applicants with retirement, disability, and survivor benefits.

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3. The SSA operated the Supplemental Security Income Disability Program (“SSID”) which provided benefits to the aged, blind, or disabled whose income and resources are below specified levels.

4. Beginning in or about 1984 and continuing through 2019, the defendant, **BETTY ARRINGTON** a/k/a “Betty Callie Arrington,” a/k/a “Betty Francis C Miller,” a/k/a “Betty Miller” (“**ARRINGTON**”), intentionally used a Social Security Number not assigned to her by the Commissioner of the SSA.

5. Beginning in or about June 1997, **ARRINGTON**, filed for and later became eligible for SSA SSID benefits.

6. In or about May 2003, August 2006, October 2010, and November 2013, **ARRINGTON** certified to the SSA, under penalty of perjury, that she was not working and had no other income.

7. **ARRINGTON** was employed as a domestic employee with various entities continuously since 1986, earning approximately \$48,000 per year.

8. **ARRINGTON** failed to notify the SSA of her employment and other disqualifying factors and intentionally submitted false statements to maintain her eligibility in the SSID program.

9. **ARRINGTON** received monthly SSA disability benefits totaling approximately \$164,270.90, which were deposited into **ARRINGTON**’s bank account.

B. THE OFFENSE:

Beginning in or about August 1998, and continuing until in or August 2019, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **BETTY ARRINGTON**, did knowingly embezzle, steal, purloin, and convert to her use, money belonging to the United States and a department and agency thereof, namely the SSA, to which she knew she was not entitled, when

she concealed her employment and earnings, while, at the same time, she was paid approximately \$164,270.90 in SSA SSID benefits; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

1. The allegations of Count 1 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. As a result of the offense alleged in Count 1, defendant, **BETTY ARRINGTON**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.


All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL:



FOREPERSON

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