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F.# 2018R01538

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I N D I C T M E N T

- against -

SUZANNE SILVA,
Defendant.

Cr. No. _____
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 657, 982(a)(2),
982(b)(1) and 3551 et seq.; T. 21,
U.S.C., § 853 (p))

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Indictment, unless otherwise indicated:

I. The Relevant Entities

1. Winthrop University Hospital Employees Federal Credit Union

(“Winthrop University HEFCU”) was a financial institution chartered by the State of New York, and located in Mineola, New York.

2. The National Credit Union Administration (“NCUA”) was a federal agency that was managed by a three-member board (“the NCUA Board”). Through the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, the NCUA and the NCUA Board insured savings accounts in federally chartered and most state-chartered credit unions, including Winthrop University HEFCU.

II. The Defendant

3. In or about and between 2002 and June 2018, the defendant SUZANNE SILVA was employed by Winthrop University HEFCU in several positions, including as a supervisor from July 2011 to February 2017 and as chief operating officer from February 2017 to June 2018.

III. The Embezzlement Scheme

4. Between approximately March 2011 and June 2018, using information that she had obtained through her employment at Winthrop University HEFCU, the defendant SUZANNE SILVA made numerous unauthorized transactions, transferring a total of approximately \$465,172 from accounts of Winthrop University HEFCU to a personal account SILVA maintained at Winthrop University HEFCU in her own name (the “SILVA Personal Account”), credit cards SILVA maintained at other financial institutions (the “SILVA Credit Card Accounts”) and accounts maintained at Winthrop University HEFCU in the names of two of SILVA’s relatives (the “SILVA Relative Accounts”).

EMBEZZLEMENT FROM A CREDIT UNION

5. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through four are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

6. In or about and between March 2011 and June 2018, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant SUZANNE SILVA, being an officer, agent and employee of Winthrop University HEFCU, did knowingly and intentionally embezzle, abstract, purloin and willfully misapply moneys, funds, credits and other things of value belonging to Winthrop University HEFCU,

and pledged and otherwise intrusted to its care, to wit: approximately \$465,172 transferred from Winthrop University HEFCU accounts via unauthorized transactions to the SILVA Personal Account, the SILVA Credit Card Accounts and the SILVA Relative Accounts.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 657 and 3551 et seq.)

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

7. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendant that, upon her conviction of the offense charged herein, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2), which requires any person convicted of such offense to forfeit any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such offense.

8. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, 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 party;
- (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 divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2) and 982(b)(1); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p))

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

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