

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Crim. No. 24-  
 :  
 v. : 42 U.S.C. § 408(a)(4)  
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 DENNIS GAUDETTE :

**I N F O R M A T I O N**  
**(Social Security Fraud)**

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

a. The Social Security Administration (“SSA”) was an agency of the United States within the United States government that administered programs under the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code, Section 301, *et seq.*

b. The SSA maintained the Retirement Insurance Benefits (“RIB”) program under Title II of the Social Security Act for eligible individuals. The purpose of the RIB program was to replace part of the earnings lost by individuals older than a certain age due to retirement. RIB provided monthly benefits payments to eligible retired workers and their eligible dependents. An individual’s eligibility for RIB and the monthly amount of RIB benefits were based upon the worker’s earnings as established by the SSA.

c. The SSA maintained the Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) program under Title XVI of the Social Security Act for eligible individuals. The SSI program was a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues, not Social Security taxes. Its purpose was to help aged (age 65 or older), blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income, and it provided cash so qualifying individuals could meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter. Because SSI was a needs-based program, an individual was required to have limited income and resources to qualify.

d. The New Jersey FamilyCare Aged, Blind, Disabled Programs (“Medicaid”) provided medical coverage to individuals who were blind, disabled, or age 65 years or older. In New Jersey, individuals who were determined to be eligible for SSI automatically received full Medicaid benefits.

2. Defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE was born in 1952. Accordingly, he would not be eligible for any RIB benefits until 2014 and would not be eligible for SSI benefits that were based on his age until 2017.

3. D.K. was an individual who was born in November 1944 and died in December 1944.

4. In or about March 2009, Defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE used the identity of “D.K.” to apply for RIB. Between in or about March 2009 and in or about March 2023, Defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE received approximately \$43,464 in RIB under the false identity of “D.K.”

5. In or about November 2009, Defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE used the identity of “D.K. to apply for SSI. Between in or about November 2009 and in or

about March 2023, Defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE received approximately \$85,332.50 in SSI under the false identity of “D.K.”

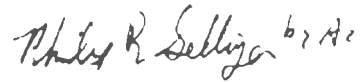
6. In or about November 2009, defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE, using the identity “D.K.,” was deemed eligible for Medicaid because he had been deemed eligible for SSI. Between in or about January 2010 and in or about January 2023, the State of New Jersey paid approximately \$88,992.88 in Medicaid benefits for medical care, testing, and medications that Defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE received using the false identity of “D.K.”

7. From in or about March 2009 through at least as late as March 2023, defendant DENNIS GAUDETTE concealed and failed to disclose that he was ineligible for RIB, SSI, and Medicaid benefits because he was not in fact “D.K.” and his actual age, income, and resources did not qualify him for these programs.

8. Between in or about March 2009 and in or about March 2023, in Gloucester County in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,  
**DENNIS GAUDETTE,**  
in a matter within the jurisdiction of the Social Security Administration, having knowledge of the occurrence of an event affecting his initial or continued right to Retirement Insurance Benefits, Supplemental Security Income payments, and SSI-eligibility Medicaid benefits, namely that he was not the individual whose social security number was used to obtain such payments and his actual age, income, and resources made him ineligible for such payments, knowingly concealed and failed to

disclose such events with an intent fraudulently to secure payment either in a greater amount than was due or when no payment was authorized.

In violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(4).

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United States Attorney

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