

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : **CRIMINAL NO.** _____
v. : **DATE FILED:** _____
NATHANIEL EDWARD ROBINSON : **VIOLATION:**
18 U.S.C. § 666 (a)(1)(A) (theft
from program receiving federal
funds – 1 count)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this indictment:

1. SELF, Inc. was a non-profit organization in Philadelphia whose mission is to help the homeless through the provision of shelter and drug and alcohol recovery services.
2. SELF, Inc. constituted an “organization” which received annual benefits in excess of \$10,000 in the each of the fiscal years ending in June 2009 and June 2010, under a federal program involving a grant, contract, subsidy, loan, guarantee, and other form of federal assistance.
3. Between approximately 2006 and November 2010, defendant NATHANIEL EDWARD ROBINSON was the Chief Program Officer at SELF, Inc. and as such was its agent.
4. Defendant NATHANIEL EDWARD ROBINSON had an American Express credit card issued by SELF, Inc. for his business use.

5. Between approximately January 2006 and November 2010, defendant NATHANIEL EDWARD ROBINSON used SELF, Inc.'s corporate American Express credit card for personal expenses. For example, defendant NATHANIEL EDWARD ROBINSON used the corporate American Express card to pay for car rental charges, in Philadelphia and elsewhere; repairs to his personal car; dining charges in Philadelphia, Disneyworld, Orlando, and numerous other cities; lodging charges, including charges at hotels on weekends in the Philadelphia area as well as charges for lodging in the Dominican Republic and in Mobile, Alabama, where defendant ROBINSON has family; travel expenses, including airfare for himself and a family member; charges at a variety of stores including DSW Shoe Warehouse, the Boot Barn, Boot City, Nike, Foot Locket, Model's, Maron Chocolates, World Embroidery, Disney's Earport, Circuit City, Best Buy, IKEA, Sears, and Walmart; parking tickets; legal fees; and entertainment charges at places such as Morey's Pier, Clementon Park, and Six Flags Great Adventure. In total, defendant ROBINSON charged approximately \$157,075 of personal expenses to his corporate American Express card between approximately January 2006 and November 2010. At various times prior to the termination of his employment in November 2010, defendant ROBINSON wrote checks to SELF, Inc. to reimburse his personal expenses. These checks totaled approximately \$2,594.

6. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 SELF, Inc. received approximately \$1,178,128 of federal funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the form of "pass through" funding from the city of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

7. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, SELF, Inc. received \$1,084,169 of such funds.

8. Between approximately August 1, 2009 and November 29, 2010, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

NATHANIEL EDWARD ROBINSON,

being an agent and employee of SELF, Inc., an organization which received benefits of over \$10,000 in any one-year period under a federal program involving a grant, contract, subsidy, loan, guarantee, insurance or other form of federal assistance, embezzled, stole and obtained by fraud property valued at \$5,000 or more, that is, funds totaling approximately \$48,558, which funds were owned by and under the care, custody and control of SELF, Inc.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A).

A TRUE BILL:

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

**ZANE DAVID MEMEGER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**