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MERRILLAN WOMAN SENTENCED
FOR SOCIAL SECURITY CRIME

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Dawn Johnson, 41, Merrilan, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to three years probation and ordered to pay \$9,343.36 in restitution for converting Social Security benefits of another person for her own use. Johnson pleaded guilty to this charge on February 3, 2011.

Dawn Johnson was the representative payee for Social Security disability (SSI) benefits paid to her son. From April 2009 until March 2010, Johnson received SSI benefits on behalf of her son which were intended to pay for his care and living expenses. However, during this time, she failed to report that her son was not living with her and she used the money for purposes other than providing for his care. The total amount of money fraudulently received and used by Johnson was \$9,343.36 in federal and state benefits.

The charges against Dawn Johnson were the result of an investigation conducted by Social Security Administration - Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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