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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

1:19-cr-269

Janet T. Neff
U.S. District Judge

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVID P. SCHUTTER and
EVELYN M. HEDLUND,

CLASS A MISDEMEANOR
INFORMATION

Defendants.

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The United States Attorney charges:

General Allegations

At all times relevant to the charge in this Information:

1. The Social Security Administration (“SSA”) was an agency of the United States within the United States government, which administered the Social Security Retirement Insurance Benefits Program under the authority of Title II of the Social Security Act of 1935, as amended.

2. The Title II Retirement Insurance Benefits Program (“Title II Program benefits”) paid monthly cash benefits to individuals who worked and paid taxes to SSA. To be eligible for monthly cash benefits, individuals must have reached the age of 62 and paid a portion of their prior wages into the program. Benefits eligibility and payment amounts were determined based on the age of the beneficiary at retirement and the average salary and number of years of employment.

3. J.T. was born in 1950 and lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In December 2014, J.T. was collecting Title II Program benefits.

The Charge

(Theft of Government Money Not Exceeding \$1,000)

4. In or about December 2014, in Ottawa County, in the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendants,

DAVID P. SCHUTTER and EVELYN M. HEDLUND,

willfully stole, purloined and converted to their own use, and the use of others, and without authority disposed of property of the United States not exceeding \$1,000 in value belonging to the Social Security Administration, an agency of the United States, that is, Social Security Title II Retirement Insurance benefits, in the amount of approximately \$677.00.

5. Specifically, sometime in or about December 2014, EVELYN M. HEDLUND, upon direction from persons believed to be from Jamaica, shared the JPMorgan Chase account number belonging to DAVID P. SCHUTTER.

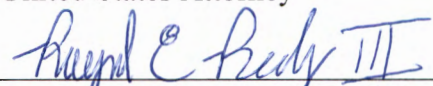
6. On or about December 10, 2014, \$677.00 in SSA funds intended for SSA beneficiary J.T. was deposited into the JP Morgan Chase checking account belonging to DAVID P. SCHUTTER. On or about this same date, DAVID P. SCHUTTER went to the JPMorgan Chase Bank in Grand Haven, Michigan and withdrew \$677.00 in cash from his checking account.

7. Further, sometime in December 2014, following the withdrawal of the \$677.00, EVELYN M. HEDLUND wrapped up and shipped the money to persons in Jamaica.

18 U.S.C. § 641 and 2.

Date: November 8, 2019

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