## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA \* CRIMINAL NO. 22-107

v. \* SECTION: R

SLOANE SIGNAL-DEBOSE

## **FACTUAL BASIS**

Defendant **SLOANE SIGNAL-DEBOSE** ("SIGNAL"), has agreed to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Bill of Information. Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony and reliable evidence, the following facts. Unless stated otherwise, the following acts occurred within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Louisiana:

The defendant, **SLOANE SIGNAL-DEBOSE** ("SIGNAL"), resided in or around Slidell, Louisiana, which is in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Victim 1 was a veteran who had been determined by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (the "VA") to need assistance in the management of his affairs. From on or about March 16, 2016, through on or about September 10, 2018, **SIGNAL** was the appointed fiduciary for Victim 1. In her capacity as fiduciary for Victim 1, **SIGNAL** obtained possession and control of certain bank accounts that contained Victim 1's funds from the period before **SIGNAL** became his fiduciary, and **SIGNAL** also received new funds from the VA for Victim 1's benefit.

In or around April 2016, **SIGNAL** gained control of an account in the name of Victim 1. **SIGNAL** used the funds from that account to open a certificate of deposit (the "CD") in her own name. The CD had a balance of \$109,217.38 at the time. **SIGNAL** later willfully and intentionally used the CD as collateral for a loan and then transferred the loan proceeds to accounts in her own

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name for her own benefit. **SIGNAL** eventually used the proceeds from the CD-secured loan to make the down payment on a property that was titled only in **SIGNAL**'s name.

While SIGNAL was Victim 1's fiduciary, she also paid for certain personal expenses, for her own benefit, with funds from Victim 1's accounts. This use of Victim 1's funds for SIGNAL's benefit included at least \$6,598.05 in expenses for contractors in connection with home repairs. SIGNAL submitted false records to the VA indicating that these expenses were incurred in connection with a property that Victim 1 owned. In truth and in fact, SIGNAL willfully and intentionally used those funds to pay contractors working on property that SIGNAL owned and in which Victim 1 had no interest.

## Limited Nature of Factual Basis

This proffer of evidence is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **SIGNAL** or the government. Rather, it is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for her guilty plea. The limited purpose of this proffer is to demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal basis for **SIGNAL**'s plea of guilty to the charged offense.

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