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ORLANDO ATTORNEY FOUND GUILTY OF DISABILITY FRAUD

Tampa, Florida - Today a jury in U.S. District Court in Tampa found Fred R. Tokarsky, age 64, of Orlando, guilty of mail fraud, conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and theft of government funds. The maximum penalty is 20 years and a \$250,000 fine for both the conspiracy and mail fraud counts, ten years and a \$250,000 fine for the theft count. Tokarsky was found not guilty of an additional mail fraud count. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 30, 2008. Tokarsky's co-defendant and former spouse, Frances Cropper, pled guilty to a single count of mail fraud on August 1, 2008.

According to evidence presented at trial, Frances Cropper was receiving disability benefits from the Social Security Administration and UnumProvident insurance company. Beginning in August 1999, Cropper returned to work. Tokarsky conspired with Cropper to conceal her income and work activity from those two entities for nearly seven years. Cropper fraudulently received more than \$200,000 by means of this scheme.

The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General and an Inspector from the United States Postal Inspection Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas Palermo and Robert Mosakowski.