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Louisiana Man Sentenced for Stealing Government Money

A Jonesville man was convicted of theft of government money and was sentenced recently to nine months in prison by U.S. District Judge Dee Drell.

Ben N. Nugent, 49, of 106 Sharp Road in Jonesville, also will have three years of supervised release and must repay \$68,234.60 to the Social Security Administration and a \$100 special assessment fee.

A four-year investigation by State Police and Social Security investigators found that Nugent failed to report he had returned to work in 2000. During that time, Nugent signed statements on three different occasions as part of Social Security's disability review in which he denied working, according to a press release.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Gillespie Jr.