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NEWBURGH HUSBAND AND WIFE SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OF MORE THAN \$170,000

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SUSAN M. MARTINEZ, 55 and ANTONIO A. MARTINEZ, 61, of Newburgh, Indiana, were each sentenced to 12 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following their guilty plea to conspiracy to defraud an agency of the United States. Antonio A. Martinez also pled guilty to social security disability fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the Social Security Administration Inspector General and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

SUSAN and ANTONIO MARTINEZ admitted that between January 1996 and January 2008, they conspired to defraud the Social Security Administration to obtain disability benefits that ANTONIO A. MARTINEZ was not entitled to receive.

This case was opened based on information received from the Social Security Administration (SSA) Fraud Hotline. The hotline received a complaint alleging that ANTONIO MARTINEZ received SSA disability benefits and had concealed his work and income from the SSA by using his wife's social security number. ANTONIO A. MARTINEZ applied for and received benefits by claiming that he was physically unable to work and earned no wages from work. ANTONIO A. MARTINEZ was not entitled to receive any of these benefits because he was able to work and did, in fact, earn wages by working during the time period of the conspiracy.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 2 years supervised release following the MARTINEZs' release from imprisonment. The MARTINEZs were ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$173,046.80 to the Social Security Administration.

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