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KC WOMAN INDICTED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for Social Security fraud.

Fayetta E. Johnson, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** concealed and failed to disclose information to the Social Security Administration in order to receive Supplemental Security Income benefits. The indictment alleges that **Johnson** was not eligible for the Social Security benefit because she had assets in various bank accounts exceeding \$2,000. However, she concealed that information in order to receive the benefit from June 1997 until October 2001, the indictment alleges.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Johnson** made personal use of Supplemental Social Security Income benefits in an amount exceeding \$1,000 despite not being entitled to the assistance.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the Social Security Administration and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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