

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Edward Williams indicted on charges related to Social Security Administration

(Akron, April 4, 2011) ... Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Edward Williams, 64, of Copley, was indicted by the Summit County grand jury on charges of Tampering with Records, a felony of the third degree, and Grand Theft, a felony of the fourth degree, for allegedly defrauding the United States Social Security Administration of \$64,903.00.

The indictment was filed with the Clerk of Courts on March 29, 2011. Williams will be arraigned on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, in Magistrate Shoemaker's court (arraignments begin at 8:00 a.m.).

On August 3, 2009, the Social Security Administration began an investigation into Williams. The agency provided its report to the Summit County Prosecutor's Office on March 22, 2011. The indictment of the new charges states that between December 18, 2004 to February 4, 2011, Williams deceived the Social Security Administration and illegally collected benefits. In the interest of judicial economy, the supplemented counts will be combined with counts five and six of the original indictment, Grand Theft and Tampering with Records respectively, which allege that Williams defrauded the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services of \$36,023.87.

A Grand Theft charge against Williams was dismissed on January 31, 2011, after a jury did not reach an agreement on whether Williams assisted his daughter, Kelly Williams-Bolar, in illegally obtaining school services from the Copley-Fairlawn School District.