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KC Woman Sentenced for \$100,000 Benefits Fraud

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Tammy Dickinson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for stealing from the government by receiving more than \$100,000 in Social Security and other benefits to which she was not entitled.

Glenda Jacobs, 64, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered Jacobs to pay restitution to the government.

On Sept. 9, 2014, Jacobs pleaded guilty to theft of government property. Jacobs admitted that, from January 2009 to August 2013, she fraudulently obtained \$107,604 in Social Security, unemployment and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, also known as food stamps) benefits.

Jacobs filed for Supplemental Security Insurance benefits in 1982 and was found disabled. From 1987 forward, Jacobs worked continuously under a second Social Security number while continuing to draw benefits. Jacobs repeatedly failed to report her employment and earnings to the Social Security Administration. Jacobs admitted that she fraudulently received \$93,922 in Social Security benefits.

Jacobs admitted that she fraudulently received \$8,869 in federal unemployment benefits from August 2011 through September 2012. Jacobs admitted that she fraudulently collected \$4,813 in SNAP benefits from January 2011 to August 2013.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Pansing Brown. It was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General; the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General; and the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General.