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Five People Indicted in Rockford for Fraudulently Obtaining More Than \$1 Million in Federal Benefits

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ROCKFORD — Five individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Rockford in a scheme alleging more than \$1 million in federal benefit fraud.

The indictment returned Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Rockford charges TYESHA BOWMAN, 32, of Beloit, Wis., with thirty-four counts of mail and wire fraud; LIBRA MARTIN, 48, of Rockford, with fourteen counts of wire fraud; LAMONT FOSTER, 38, of Rockford, with eight counts of mail and wire fraud; KHADIJAH BROWN, 31, of Rockford, with two counts of mail fraud; and SIETA CARRINGTON, 36, of Rockford, with one count of mail fraud. Arraignments have not yet been scheduled.

According to the indictment, Bowman and Martin schemed to defraud and fraudulently obtain over \$500,000 in connection with the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, both programs enacted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). Bowman, Foster, Brown, and Carrington schemed to defraud and fraudulently obtain over \$500,000 in connection with the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program.

The indictment was announced by Andrew S. Boutros, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. The investigation was conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General and the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General. The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Ladd.

The public is reminded that an indictment contains only charges and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Each count of mail and wire fraud carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison. If convicted,

the Court must impose reasonable sentences under federal sentencing statutes and the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

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