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Former Air Force Employee Pleads Guilty to Receiving Stolen Government Money Through Falsified Travel Claims

OKLAHOMA CITY – Yesterday, **ANTHONY RAY JONES**, 55, of Midwest City, pleaded guilty to receiving approximately \$55,210.50 in stolen money from the federal government through falsified travel claims, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Robert J. Troester.

On May 4, 2021, a federal grand jury returned a one-count Indictment against Jones. The Indictment charged that between May 4, 2016 and August 22, 2019, Jones knowingly received stolen money belonging to the United States.

At yesterday's hearing, Jones pleaded guilty. Public records reflect that Jones had been employed with the Department of the Air Force. During his employment, Jones sustained injuries and applied for and received worker's compensation money under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. As part of his compensation, Jones was able to be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from medical appointments related to his injuries. From May 4, 2016, through August 22, 2019, Jones filed hundreds of false travel claims for medical appointments and was reimbursed approximately \$55,210.50 resulting from those false travel claims. At his plea hearing, Jones admitted that he intended to keep the money and that he knew the money was stolen. At sentencing, he faces up to ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, mandatory restitution, and up to three years of supervised release.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bow Bottomly.

Reference is made to court filings for further information.

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