



# The J Group's EDLA SENTENCING NEWSLETTER

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## Theft of Government Funds, Mail Tampering and more ...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

### CASE SPOTLIGHT

**United States v. Millet**  
**25-cr-200**

**What's the Basis?**: Millet's mother had been a recipient of Social Security Administration ("SSA") benefits since in or about 1994. Millet's mother died on February 11, 2009. The SSA was not notified of her death and benefits continued to be paid until November, 2020. A total of \$101,741 in payments were deposited into Millet's mother's Chase bank account from the date of her death until November, 2020. After agents obtained the Chase records, they observed that Millett had been accessing the account in various ways, including making direct withdrawals; making payments to various vendors including Netflix; Spotify; Cox Communication; Entergy; ATM withdrawals, and Cash App payments to various family members. When the agents met with Millet, she admitted to using the funds for her own personal use. The agents were able to recover \$674.00 from the account.

**What's the Violation?**: Millet pled guilty to **Theft of Government Funds**, in violation of **18 U.S.C. § 641**.

**What's the Punishment?**: The Honorable Jane T. Milazzo sentenced Millet to **3 years of probation**. Millett was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$101,067.00.

### This Week's Other Matters

#### U.S. v. WHITAKER, 24-CR-160

**Charge:** Destruction of Mail by Postal Employee  
(18 U.S.C. § 1703)

**Sentence:** **1 year of probation.**

**Judge:** Greg G. Guidry

#### U.S. v. VILLANUEVA, 25-CR-120

**Charge:** Reentry of Removed Alien  
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))

**Sentence:** **TIME SERVED**

**Judge:** Honorable Carl J. Barbier

#### U.S. v. PEREZ-GUTIERREZ, 25-CR-107

**Charge:** Illegal Alien in Possession of a Firearm  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(5)(A) and 924(a)(8))

**Sentence:** **12 months and 1 day of imprisonment** and 3 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Eldon E. Fallon

### WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN THIS WEEKS' EDITION

- [8 U.S.C. § 1326](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 641](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 922](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 924](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 1703](#)

