



Theft of Government Funds and more...

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

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Young
23-cr-274

What's the Basis?: According to the factual basis, **Young submitted multiple fraudulent applications for COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans ("EIDL")** through the Small Business Administration ("SBA") **using purported faith-based organizations. The applications falsely claimed hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues and multiple employees for the entities.** Investigators determined that several listed business addresses corresponded to abandoned or nonexistent church properties.

One application resulted in the disbursement of approximately \$159,900, portions of which were allegedly used for personal expenses, including the purchase of an Infiniti QX80, jewelry, clothing, travel, and dental procedures. **Additional loan proceeds tied to other applications were later frozen and returned by financial institutions after being flagged as potentially fraudulent.** The parties ultimately stipulated that **Young intended to cause a loss totaling approximately \$470,000 to the SBA.**

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

What's the Punishment?: The Honorable Judge Wendy B. Vitter sentenced **Young to 42 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.** Restitution has not yet been determined..

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. v. APLICANO, 25-CR-127

Charge: Illegal Reentry of a Removed Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a)(b)(1))

Sentence: **1 year and 1 day of imprisonment** and 1 year of supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Jane T. Milazzo

U.S. v. TINOCO-TIERES, 25-CR-295

Charge: Illegal Reentry of a Removed Alien
(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a)(b)(1))

Sentence: **21 months of imprisonment** and 1 year of supervised release.

Judge: Honorable Jane T. Milazzo

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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



U.S. V. MCMILLAN, 23-CR-001

Violation of Mandatory, Special and Standard Conditions of Supervised Release: *Testing Positive for Illicit Drugs, Failing to Maintain Full Time Employment, Failing to Submit Monthly Supervision Reports, Getting Arrested while on Supervision.*

Sentence: TIME SERVED.

Judge: Honorable Jane T. Milazzo

U.S. V. THOMAS, 06-CR-269

Violation of Mandatory Conditions of Supervised Release: *Getting Arrested while on Supervision.*

Sentence: 18 months of imprisonment and 48 months of Supervised Release.

Judge: Honorable Lance M. Africk

U.S. V. THOMAS, 06-CR-269

Violation of Mandatory Conditions of Supervised Release: *Testing Positive for Illicit Drugs.*

Sentence: 24 months of imprisonment and 3 years of Supervised Release.

Judge: Honorable Lance M. Africk

Did You Know?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, banks and financial institutions played a significant role in identifying and freezing suspected fraudulent SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (“EIDL”) and Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”) funds.

As federal investigators began uncovering widespread COVID-19 relief fraud, financial institutions used anti-money laundering systems, suspicious activity reports (“SARs”), account monitoring, and fraud detection protocols to identify unusual transactions associated with SBA loan proceeds. In many cases, banks froze accounts after detecting large transfers, inconsistent business activity, false business information, or rapid movement of funds shortly after deposit.

Federal authorities frequently coordinated with banks to recover fraudulently obtained relief funds before the money could be withdrawn or dissipated. According to the Department of Justice, financial institutions and federal agencies collectively prevented or recovered billions of dollars connected to suspected pandemic-related fraud schemes.

Hebrews 13:3 - Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the body also.

**Heed His word and pray for the detained,
incarcerated, and less fortunate among us.**

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