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MARTINEZ CONTRACTOR CHARGED WITH
DEFRAUDING SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAM

AUGUSTA, GA: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that the federal grand jury sitting in Savannah has returned an indictment against Charles Steven Crosby, Sr. of Martinez, Georgia, charging him with Social Security fraud in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(4).

Booth stated that the indictment charges the defendant with concealing and failing to disclose his employment at HammerTime Construction, among other businesses, with the intent to fraudulently secure payment of Social Security disability benefits.

Booth noted that, if convicted, the defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Booth emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Office of Inspector General for the Social Security Administration conducted the investigation which led to the indictment. The government is represented in this case by Assistant United States Attorney David M. Stewart.