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Texas Man Arraigned for Defrauding State and Federal Taxpayers

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Hampshire

CONCORD – A Texas man was indicted for his involvement in a scheme to fraudulently obtain CARES Act funds from the United States government and the State of New York, U.S. Attorney Jane E. Young announces.

Dyetaniel Washington, 29, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Washington was arrested in the Southern District of Texas on May 7, 2024. He appeared in federal court in Concord today, and he was released on conditions. Dyetaniel Washington and his two co-defendants, Kyereem Sackey and Jerred Beniquez, were indicted on October 25, 2023. Sackey was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of bank fraud. Beniquez was indicted on one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

According to the charging documents, Washington obtained Beniquez's personal identifying information and provided this information to Sackey. Sackey then used the information to make unemployment insurance claims in the State of New York in Beniquez's name. On two occasions, the money was deposited into Beniquez's bank account, and a portion of the money was sent to Washington.

The charge of conspiracy to commit wire fraud provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss, whichever is greater. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Labor Office of Inspector General led the investigation. Valuable assistance was provided by the Manchester Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Kennedy is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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