

THREE BATON ROUGE INDIVIDUALS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S 2024 NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Louisiana

Acting United States Attorney Ellison C. Travis announced that U.S. District Judge Brian A. Jackson sentenced Kevan Andre Hills, 32, Devin Tyrone Stampley, Jr., 33, and Asia Deshan Guess, 28, all of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to terms of imprisonment today. Stampley was sentenced to 104 months in federal prison, Hills was sentenced to 96 months in federal prison, and Guess was sentenced to 24 months in federal prison for their roles in schemes to obtain controlled substances from pharmacies using fraudulent prescriptions with the stolen identities of licensed medical professionals, and to obtain funds from federal pandemic assistance programs by submitting false and fraudulent applications.

According to court documents, Hills, Stampley, and Guess caused the submission of fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances, such as Promethazine with Codeine and Hydrocodone, to Medicaid, causing Medicaid to be fraudulently billed for filling those fraudulent prescriptions. They used the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration numbers and other identifying information of several physicians and other medical providers, without authority, on the fraudulent prescriptions. As part of the scheme to unlawfully obtain controlled substances for resale, Stampley burglarized a pharmacy in Louisiana.

Hills, Stampley, and their co-conspirators also submitted, caused to be submitted, and assisted others in submitting numerous false and fraudulent applications for federal funds, seeking at least \$293,498 in funds administrated by the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program, and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act unemployment benefits. Hills, Stampley, and their co-conspirators submitted and caused to be submitted falsified bank statements,

tax forms, and other documents in support of the fraudulent PPP applications. Hills, Stampley, and their co-conspirators defrauded the federal pandemic assistance programs of at least \$87,663 by posing as fake small business owners and residents in need of assistance. Upon receipt of the illegal funds, Hills, Stampley, and their co-conspirators made electronic transfers and personal purchases.

Guess illegally sought at least \$125,978 in federal funds, including federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits under the CARES Act for eligible workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guess caused the submission of fraudulent applications and claims for unemployment benefits to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), Maine Department of Labor (Maine DOL), and other state workforce agencies around the country. Guess assisted in the submission of falsified application details, such as her employment history and residency, to appear eligible for PUA funds and other benefits. Guess fraudulently obtained at least \$15,859 in unemployment insurance benefits from the LWC and Maine DOL.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kristen L. Craig of the Middle District of Louisiana, and Trial Attorneys Gary A. Crosby II and Samantha E. Usher of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section.

The Fraud Section leads the Criminal Division's efforts to combat health care fraud through the Health Care Fraud Strike Force Program. Since March 2007, this program, currently comprised of nine strike forces operating in 27 federal districts, has charged more than 5,800 defendants who collectively have billed federal health care programs and private insurers more than \$30 billion. In addition, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, working in conjunction with HHS-OIG, are taking steps to hold providers accountable for their involvement in health care fraud schemes. More information can be found at www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/health-care-fraud-unit.

Anyone with information about allegations of pandemic fraud can report it by calling the Justice Department's National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) Hotline at 866-720-5721 or via the NCDF Web Complaint Form at www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form.

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