

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

AMY BRETCHES

CASE No. 6:10-cr-110-ORL-18-KRS
18 U.S.C. § 1957
18 U.S.C. § 982 - Forfeiture

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

A. Introduction

General Allegations

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was an Agency of the United States. Prior to September - October, 2003, HHS was responsible for managing grants under the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), a reimbursable contract that, among other things, assisted local entities with the preparation of supplies in the event of a critical incident.
2. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was an agency of the United States Government within the Department of Homeland Security. After September - October, 2003, the responsibility for managing the MMRS Program was transferred to FEMA.
3. **AMY BRETCHES** was employed as a police officer by the Orlando Police Department (OPD).
4. On February 21, 1999, **AMY BRETCHES** was assigned by OPD to the School Resource Officer Unit.

5. From July 2000 until October 1, 2007, **AMY BRETCHES** was assigned to the Orlando Police Department Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT), a component of the School Resource Officer Unit.

6. On July 11, 2000, **AMY BRETCHES** opened Orlando Federal Credit Union (OFCU) Savings Account #xx4090-00 (OFCU Savings Account) and OFCU Checking Account #xx4090-01 (OFCU Checking Account). On the account opening application, **AMY BRETCHES** listed the account holders as herself and "Orlando Police Department Gang Resistance Education and Training," using OPD's address of 100 South Hughey Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. **AMY BRETCHES** also listed the City of Orlando's Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) on the application.

7. The above described accounts were opened without authorization from the City of Orlando or OPD.

8. On March 10, 2004, **AMY BRETCHES** opened an account on "www.ccr.gov," a U.S. Government website through which federal grant recipients register so that they can receive the electronic transfer of grant funds. On **AMY BRETCHES'** ccr.gov account application, the City of Orlando was listed as the grant recipient and provided the City of Orlando's TIN, one of its DUNS numbers (xxxxx7485) and the City of Orlando's mailing address. (A "DUNS number" is a unique nine-digit sequence of numbers assigned by Dun and Bradstreet for the purpose of tracking businesses). **AMY BRETCHES** listed herself as the primary point of contact, the electronic business point of contact, the accounts receivable point of contact, and the

contact for remittance information. **AMY BRETCHES** linked the above-described OFCU Checking Account to the ccr.gov account.

9. On or about August 24, 2004, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for the City of Orlando submitted to FEMA a voucher for reimbursement of costs associated with an MMRS contract. The voucher was approved by FEMA, which accessed www.ccr.gov for payment purposes. A FEMA employee found the www.ccr.gov account that was created by **AMY BRETCHES**, and on October 26, 2004, directed the electronic transfer of \$200,000 to the OFCU Checking Account opened by **AMY BRETCHES**.

COUNTS ONE THROUGH THREE
(Money Laundering)

10. On or about the dates set forth below in each count, in Orange County, in the Middle District of Florida, and elsewhere,

AMY BRETCHES

the defendant herein, did knowingly engage and attempt to engage in a monetary transaction in and affecting interstate commerce in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, that is, the transfer, withdrawal, and deposit by, through, and to a financial institution of funds, such property having been derived from a specific unlawful activity, that is, theft and conversion of government property, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641, as follows:

COUNT	DATE	FINANCIAL TRANSACTION
ONE	1/18/06	Transfer in and affecting interstate commerce in the amount of \$203,863.72, from OPD GREAT checking account number, xx4090-01, at OFCU, into OPD GREAT account number xx4090-09 (Money Market Account), at OFCU, Orlando, Florida.

COUNT	DATE	FINANCIAL TRANSACTION
TWO	9/17/08	Transfer in and affecting interstate commerce in the amount of \$50,000.00, from OPD GREAT account number xx4090-09 (Money Market Account), at OFCU, into OPD GREAT Money Market account number xx4090-10, at OFCU, Orlando, Florida.
THREE	9/17/08	Transfer in and affecting interstate commerce in the amount of \$50,000.00, from OPD GREAT account number xx4090-09 (Money Market Account), at OFCU, into an OPD GREAT Certificate of Deposit, account number xx4090-11, at OFCU, Orlando, Florida.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957.

FORFEITURES


1. The allegations contained in Counts One through Three of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982.

2. The defendant, **AMY BRETCHES**, shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982, any and all right, title, and interest she may have in any property, real or personal, involved in such offenses, or any property traceable to such property, as a result of such violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957.

3. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1).

A TRUE BILL,

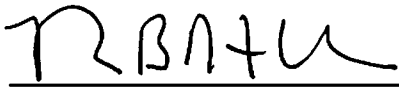


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