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**ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JOYCE TATSEY
SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE
FAY TATSEY,**

Defendant.

CR 13- 20-GF-SEH

INDICTMENT

**WIRE FRAUD
(Counts I-III)
Title 18 U.S.C. § 1343
(Penalty: 20 years imprisonment,
\$250,000 fine, and three years
supervised release)**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION

1. The Blackfeet Indian Reservation, in Browning, Montana, hosts the North American Indian Days. The celebration has taken place for over sixty years, begins the second week of every July, and lasts for four days.

2. The celebration at the North American Indian Days consists of numerous activities, including dancing contests, games, sporting events, and socializing. The celebration is considered to be one of the largest gatherings of tribes from both the United States and Canada.

3. Vendors from all over attend the North American Indian Days to sell food, drinks, and other products to those attending the celebration. Vendors must purchase their spots by making payment to the Blackfeet Tribe prior to distributing products.

THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD

1. JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, was the secretary to Blackfeet Tribal Business Councilman Peter "Rusty" Tatsey during 2010 and 2011.

2. Beginning in approximately July of 2010 and continuing until approximately July of 2011, JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, solicited thousands of dollars and property from vendors paying to reserve spots for the 2011 North American Indian Days.

3. Between July of 2010 and continuing until approximately July of 2011, JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, did not turn the received money and property into the Blackfeet Tribe, and kept such money and property for herself, all without authorization.

COUNT I

On or about January 15, 2011, at Missoula, Montana, and elsewhere, in the State and District of Montana, the defendant, JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, for the purpose of executing the aforementioned material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, knowingly caused to be transmitted in interstate commerce by wire communications, an electronic transmission to a federal reserve bank

outside the State of Montana; that is, the defendant, JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, obtained from M.Y. and L.Y. a Wells Fargo Check Number 3654, in the amount of \$617.00, which was cashed at E Z Money Check Cashing, in Missoula, Montana, and created an electronic transmission to a federal reserve bank outside the State of Montana, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

COUNT II


On or about February 12, 2011, in and around Butte, Montana, in the State and District of Montana, and elsewhere, the defendant, JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, for the purpose of executing the aforementioned material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, knowingly caused to be transmitted in interstate commerce by wire communications, a money transfer of \$300.00 from C.P.E. in Tuscon, Arizona, to JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAY TATSEY, in Butte, Montana, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

COUNT III

On or about March 28, 2011, in and around Cut Bank, Montana, in the State and District of Montana, and elsewhere, the defendant, JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, for the purpose of executing the aforementioned material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, knowingly caused to be transmitted in interstate commerce by wire communications, a money transfer of \$300.00 from C.P.E. in Boise, Idaho, to JOYCE TATSEY SPOONHUNTER, *aka* JOYCE FAYE TATSEY, in Cut Bank, Montana, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

A TRUE BILL.


FOREPERSON

for

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Attorney for Plaintiff


KRIS A. McLEAN
Criminal Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney
Attorney for Plaintiff

Crim. Summons ☒

Warrant: _____

Bail: _____

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