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## **Washington, Pa., Man Charged With Theft Of Government Property, Using False Social Security Number**

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PITTSBURGH, Pa. - A resident of Washington, Pa., has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of theft of government property and using a false Social Security number, United States Attorney David J. Hickton announced today.

The two-count indictment named Bruce K. Gaito, 54, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Gaito fraudulently obtained a Social Security number in the name of "David Gaito" and used the number to obtain Supplemental Security Income Benefits from the Social Security Administration.

The law provides for a maximum total sentence of 15 years in prison, a fine of \$500,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert S. Cessar is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

The Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.