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FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
EASTERN DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )

v. )

ANGELIA CURRAN,  
a.k.a. "Angelia Richards,"  
a.k.a. "Angelia Trobaugh" )

CR. NO. 3:11cr105-WKW  
[18 U.S.C. § 666]

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT 1

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Friendship Volunteer Fire Department ("FVFD"), a.k.a. "Friendship Firefighters Association," was an organization in Lee County, Alabama.

2. At all times relevant to this indictment, the defendant, ANGELIA CURRAN, was an agent of the FVFD, as described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(d)(1), in that CURRAN was a paramedic with the FVFD and served as Deputy Chief of the FVFD.

3. On or about April 6, 2005, the defendant, ANGELIA CURRAN, caused a grant application to be filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), an agency within the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The grant application requested funds to purchase personal protective equipment for FVFD personnel and other equipment for FVFD, including thermal imaging devices and self-contained breathing apparatus.

4. On or about October 7, 2005, the defendant, ANGELIA CURRAN, caused a grant application to be filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), an agency within the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to FEMA's Assistance to

Firefighters - Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program. The project for the grant application was listed as general prevention/awareness for children under 14 years of age and the grant application requested funds to purchase items including coloring books, a hazard house, a midas touch display, and audio visual equipment (i.e., projector, laptop computer and portable screen).

5. FEMA accepted the April 6, 2005 grant application and awarded the FVFD a grant in the amount of \$94,500, grant number EMW-2005-FG-09994. The period of the grant's performance was established to be from September 23, 2005 to September 22, 2006.

6. FEMA also accepted the October 7, 2005 grant application and awarded the FVFD a grant in the amount of \$30,858.00, grant number EMW-2005-FP-03483. The period of the grant's performance was established to be from March 17, 2006 to March 16, 2007.

7. During the one year period beginning March 20, 2006 and ending March 19, 2007, the FVFD received \$94,500.00 in benefits, which is in excess of \$10,000, from FEMA, under FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, for grant number EMW-2005-FG-09994, and received \$30,858.00 in benefits, which is in excess of \$10,000, from FEMA, under FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program, for grant number EMW-2005-FP-03483.

8. From on or about July 10, 2006 to on or about April 10, 2007, in Lee County, within the Middle District of Alabama, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ANGELIA CURRAN,  
a.k.a. "Angelia Richards,"  
a.k.a. "Angelia Trobaugh,"

did embezzle, steal, obtain by fraud, and otherwise without authority knowingly convert to the use of any other person other than the rightful owner and intentionally misapply, property that was valued at \$5,000 or more and that was under the care, custody, and control of the FVFD. Namely,

the defendant caused FEMA to deposit funds totaling \$94,500 into the FVFD's bank account for grant number EMW-2005-FG-09994 and funds totaling \$30,858.00 into the FVFD's bank account for grant number EMW-2005-FP-03483. The defendant thereafter used more than \$5,000 of the funds for her personal expenses and not for the purposes stated on the grant applications.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A).

COUNT 2

9. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 are hereby realleged as if set forth herein.

10. On or about April 7, 2006, the defendant, ANGELIA CURRAN, caused a grant application to be filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), an agency within the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The grant application requested funds to purchase a mobile fire trainer and related training.

11. FEMA accepted the application and awarded the FVFD a grant in the amount of \$140,850.00, grant number EMW-2006-FG-16079. The period of the grant's performance was established to be from November 3, 2006 to November 2, 2007. During the one year period beginning September 4, 2007 and ending September 3, 2008, the FVFD received \$140,850.00 in benefits, which is in excess of \$10,000, from FEMA, under FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, for grant number EMW-2006-FG-16079.

12. From on or about September 4, 2007 to on or about September 2, 2008, in Lee County, within the Middle District of Alabama, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ANGELIA CURRAN,  
a.k.a. "Angelia Richards,"  
a.k.a. "Angelia Trobaugh,"

did embezzle, steal, obtain by fraud, and otherwise without authority knowingly convert to the use of any other person other than the rightful owner and intentionally misapply, property that was valued at \$5,000 or more and that was under the care, custody, and control of the FVFD, to wit: the defendant caused FEMA to deposit funds totaling \$140,850.00 into the FVFD's bank account for grant number EMW-2006-FG-16079 and defendant thereafter used more than \$5,000 of the funds for her personal expenses and not for the purpose stated on the grant application.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A).

COUNT 3

13. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 are hereby realleged as if set forth herein.

14. On or about April 4, 2008, the defendant, ANGELIA CURRAN, caused a grant application to be filed with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), an agency within the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The grant application requested funds to purchase Automated External Defibrillators ("AED") and for AED training.

15. FEMA accepted the application and awarded the FVFD a grant in the amount of \$29,430.00, grant number EMW-2008-FO-11682. The period of the grant's performance was established to be from December 23, 2008 to December 22, 2009. During the one year period beginning February 2, 2009 and ending February 1, 2010, the FVFD received \$29,430.00 in benefits,

which is in excess of \$10,000, from FEMA, under FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for grant number EMW-2008-FO-11682.

16. From on or about February 4, 2009 to January 19, 2010, in Lee County, within the Middle District of Alabama, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ANGELIA CURRAN,  
a.k.a. "Angelia Richards,"  
a.k.a. "Angelia Trobaugh,"


did embezzle, steal, obtain by fraud, and otherwise without authority knowingly convert to the use of any other person other than the rightful owner and intentionally misapply, property that was valued at \$5,000 or more and that was under the care, custody, and control of the FVFD, to wit: the defendant caused FEMA to deposit funds totaling \$29,430.00 into the FVFD's bank account for grant number EMW-2008-FO-11682 and defendant thereafter used more than \$5,000 of the funds for her personal expenses and not for the purpose stated on the grant application.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 666(a)(1)(A).

A TRUE BILL:

  
Foreperson

  
LOUIS V. FRANKLIN, SR.  
United States Attorney

  
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