

# SSA Fraud Overview:

## Speakers:

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## OIG Mission:

Conducts independent and object audits, evaluations, and investigations.

We improve SSA's Programs and operations and protect them against fraud, waste, and abuse

We provide timely, useful, and reliable information and advise Administration Officials, Congress, and the public.

Protect the integrity of SSA programs by investigating wrong doing by applicants, beneficiaries, Representative Payees, third party facilitators, and SSA employees.

## Statutory Authority: Inspector General Act:

The [Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended](#) (IG Act), establishes the responsibilities and duties of an Inspector General. In brief, the IG Act grants the OIG the authority to

- determine which audits, investigations, inspections, and reviews are necessary and issue reports recommending corrective actions without improper interference from agency heads
- receive full access to all records and materials available to the agency
- issue administrative subpoenas to nonfederal entities
- exercise law enforcement authority
- receive employee and other complaints
- refer criminal and civil matters to the United States Attorney General
- hire employees, experts, and consultants and procure necessary equipment and services
- obtain assistance from other agencies, including federal, state, and local governments

### **Common Federal and State Laws:**

Title 18 USC 641- Theft of Government Money  
Title 18 USC 1001- False Statements  
Title 18 USC 371- Conspiracy  
Title 18 USC 1341- Wire Fraud  
Title 18 USC 1347- Healthcare Fraud  
Title 42 USC 408- Social Security Fraud

VCC 18.2-111 Embezzlement  
VCC 18.2-178- Theft by False Pretenses

### **SSA Programs/Types of Cases:**

Title II Disability (Retirement, Disability, Survivors, Spousal, Child)  
Title XVI Supplemental Security Income

### **Case Examples:**

Investigations and prosecutorial results

### **Case Statistics:**

Arrest Statistics  
Conviction Statistics  
Monetary Recoveries/ Restitution

### **How to Report Fraud/ Working together with local partners:**

#### **Anti-Fraud Partnerships/ Projects**

#### **Taskforces and Partnerships:**

USAO Healthcare Fraud Taskforce  
USAO SAR Review Taskforce  
USSS Identity Theft Taskforce  
DOJ USMS Fugitive Taskforce  
CDI/MFCU Taskforce

#### **Questions/Comments**

## **Contact Info**

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