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**Thibodaux Woman Sentenced to 100 Months Imprisonment for Wire Fraud Scheme Which Netted \$350,000 While Holding Power of Attorney for Cancer Patient Mother and Theft of Government Check from Disabled Sister**

**JILL ANDRAS LEBLANC a/k/a JILL FREMIN**, 41, of Thibodaux, Louisiana, was sentenced in federal court today by U.S. District Judge Lance M. Africk to serve 100 months in federal prison, pay \$383,201 in restitution and serve three years of supervised release after she is released from prison for one (1) Count of wire fraud and one (1) Count of theft of government funds, announced U. S. Attorney Duane A. Evans.

**LEBLANC** was charged by a Superseding Bill of Information on December 19, 2017. **LEBLANC** stole several hundred thousand dollars from her mother's retirement account. More specifically, the defendant was appointed power of attorney on October 29, 2008 for her mother who was terminally ill with cancer. The defendant's father, an oil field worker, had accumulated a substantial individual retirement account (IRA) during his working life. He passed away in 2005. This investment account was managed by a national brokerage house whose home offices are in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During the defendant's administration of her mother's account, she stole approximately \$369,701.00 from the account and spent it on personal, frivolous items.

**LEBLANC** also stole a Social Security disability check meant for her disabled sister in the amount of \$13,500.

**LEBLANC** faced a possible maximum statutory sentence of twenty (20) years imprisonment on the wire fraud count, and/or a fine of \$250,000 and up to three (3) years of supervised release. On the theft of government property, she faced ten (10) years incarceration.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, the Lafourche Parish District's Attorney's Office, and the Louisiana State Inspector General. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Carter K. D. Guice, Jr. of the Fraud Unit.

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