



THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

United States Attorney's Office
Western District of Louisiana

For Immediate Release
June 27, 2019

www.justice.gov/usao/law

Follow us on [Twitter](#) @USAO_WDLA

David C. Joseph
United States Attorney
(337) 262-6618
Henri.LeJeune@usdoj.gov
Mona.Hardwick@usdoj.gov

**BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPTROLLER,
2 OTHERS INDICTED FOR STEALING MORE THAN \$250,000**

SHREVEPORT, La. – United States Attorney David C. Joseph announced that a federal grand jury indicted Carol Bates, 48, Faith Alexander, 27, and Marquise Perry, 34, all of Shreveport, yesterday for stealing more than a quarter of a million dollars from Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC).

All three were charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. In addition to the conspiracy to commit wire fraud, Bates was charged with 12 counts of wire fraud and Perry was charged with three counts of wire fraud.

According to the indictment, as the BPCC comptroller, Bates used her position to access an internal BPCC computer system and issue approximately \$259,591.87 in refunds to Alexander, Perry and five others from 2013 to 2016. They were not qualified to receive the funds, and, in most cases, they were not even attending BPCC during the semesters they received the monies. In total, Bates caused 45 fraudulent refunds to be issued. Perry received seven refunds totaling \$49,524.65 from 2015 through 2016 and Alexander received eight refunds totaling \$45,482.65 from 2014 through 2016. The remaining 30 refunds were issued to five unnamed co-conspirators who, after receiving the money, transferred two-thirds or a half of it to Bates.

If convicted, the defendants face 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, restitution and a \$250,000 fine for each count.

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Inspector General, and the Louisiana Office of State Inspector General conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth D. Reeg is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

###