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LOCAL PAIR ACCUSED OF STEALING THOUSANDS FROM FOOD PROGRAM *COUPLE INDICTED, TO BE ARRAIGNED LATER THIS MONTH*

NASHVILLE – Two Nashvillians have been charged with stealing \$25,000 from a federal program that provides meals for low-income and at-risk children who are attending child-care programs.

Eddy Jobe, Sr. and Patricia Leggs operated the Nashville business called Little Stars Feeding Program, Inc. As a contractor for the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Little Stars enrolled local child-care agencies in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and matched eligible children to the available meal assistance.

Jobe, 64, and Leggs, 54, are accused of creating fictitious rolls of children, then channeling the payments to themselves. The pair claimed and received payments for meals served by non-existing child care providers as part of their scheme.

“Any time a government employee or contractor is accused of these types of crimes, it shakes the public’s confidence,” said DHS Commissioner Gina Lodge. “We work diligently to assure the integrity of our programs and assure the public trust.”

Jobe and Leggs were indicted in December by a Davidson County grand jury on charges of child-care services fraud. They are expected to be arraigned on January 13.

“We are extremely pleased with the work our Program Monitors, Internal Audit and Investigations units did in uncovering and building this case,” said DHS Inspector General Alan Hall.

Any accused person is always presumed not guilty until proven otherwise in a court of law.

If anyone suspects fraud or abuse of DHS programs, they should call the department’s Fraud Hotline/Investigations Unit at 1-800-241-2629.

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