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## Former Employee Of NSA Subcontractor Pleads Guilty To Filing False Timesheets

**AUGUSTA, GA:** **Jesse James Anderson**, 34, of Augusta, Georgia pled guilty earlier this week to an information charging him with making false statements, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001. The false statements concerned the number of hours he worked for a National Security Agency ("NSA") subcontractor.

According to evidence presented during the guilty plea hearing, **Anderson** worked as a linguist for an NSA subcontractor from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2014. During this time, **Anderson** submitted numerous timesheets falsely stating the number of hours he had worked. In total, **Anderson** claimed he worked 736.25 more hours than he actually did, which caused the United States to pay out \$69,276.55 more than was actually owed.

United States Attorney Edward J. Tarver said, "False claims submitted to the United States for payments not owed is theft and should be punished to the full extent of the law. Protecting taxpayer money is a top priority for this United States Attorney's Office."

**Anderson** faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000.00 fine. In addition, the Court can order **Anderson** to pay restitution in the amount of \$69,276.55.

NSA Office of Inspector General Investigator Kristen M. McGrath conducted the investigation which led to the information and plea. Assistant United States Attorney C. Troy Clark is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States. For additional information, please contact First Assistant United States Attorney James D. Durham at (912) 201-2547.

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