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Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
17373 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Re: *U.S. v. Susan Elaine Boyce*  
United States District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas  
Case No.: 4:12CR00244 BSM

Earlier this month, a federal grand jury sitting in Little Rock indicted Susan Elaine Boyce on charges arising out of an alleged scheme to pose as a registered nurse. Ms. Boyce is currently on the run, and a warrant has been issued for her arrest. The U.S. Attorney's Office and federal investigative agencies have reason to believe that Ms. Boyce has fled the state of Arkansas and fear that she may again seek out employment as a nurse in a school setting or elsewhere.

Please consult the enclosed photo and Press Release for details about this case and alert local health care providers and school officials about Ms. Boyce. Tips on the whereabouts of Ms. Boyce should be directed to the fugitive hotline for the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services at (888) 476-4453.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER R. THYER  
United States Attorney

By ALEXANDER D. MORGAN  
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Enclosures





# Susan Elaine Boyce

a/k/a Suzanne Pitts a/k/a Suzanne Johnson





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**FEDERAL AUTHORITIES SEEKING WHITE COUNTY WOMAN  
ON IDENTITY THEFT CHARGES**

**LITTLE ROCK** – Christopher R. Thyer, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced that Susan Elaine Boyce, age 58, of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, was indicted September 6, 2012, by a federal grand jury. The seven-count indictment, which was unsealed today, charges Ms. Boyce with five counts of wire fraud, one count of aggravated identity theft, and one count of misuse of a social security number.

Ms. Boyce, who may also go by Suzanne Pitts or Suzanne Johnson, is presently at large. A warrant has been issued for her arrest. She is believed to be with a man using the name Jack Pitts or Jack Boyce, who may be armed. Anyone who has information about the whereabouts of Ms. Boyce or Mr. Pitts is asked to call the fugitive hotline for the Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services at (888) 476-4453.

According to the indictment, Ms. Boyce used Arkansas State Board of Nursing license numbers and a Social Security Number belonging to other persons to obtain employment as a school nurse at Sidney Deener Elementary School in Searcy, Arkansas. The indictment goes on to allege that, although not a licensed nurse, Ms. Boyce worked at Sidney Deener in this capacity from the 2007-08 school year through the 2011-12 school year, during which time she was paid more than \$175,000.

Upon cashing her monthly paycheck, a digital image of Ms. Boyce's check was sent from her bank to the school district bank in interstate commerce via the Federal Reserve Bank, which gives rise to the wire fraud counts. Aggravated identity theft and misuse of a social security number charges relate to Ms. Boyce using a social security number assigned to another person on Form W-4 tax withholding documents that she submitted to the school district.

Wire fraud carries a maximum statutory penalty of twenty years' imprisonment and up to three years' supervised release for each count. Aggravated identity theft adds a mandatory two-

year prison sentence to any other sentence imposed and one year of supervised release. And misuse of a social security number carries a maximum statutory penalty of five years' imprisonment and one year of supervised release. Each count carries a maximum fine of \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by HHS-OIG and by the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Alexander Morgan is prosecuting the case for the United States.

An indictment contains only allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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