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Bolivar Co. resident pleads guilty to charges of Computer Fraud and Wire Fraud

CLEVELAND, MS- On March 31, 2015, Felicia Farrah Randle, 34, of 312 W. Carpenter St., Apt 167 Cleveland, MS, was indicted by a Bolivar County Grand Jury on one count of Computer Fraud §97-45-3 and one count of Wire Fraud §97-19-83, both charges stemming from an ongoing investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

Both counts occurred on or about and between April 14, 2014 and October 23, 2014, and included fraudulent payments through MDOR's Taxpayer Access Point, resulting in false refunds.

On April 4, 2016, Randle voluntarily surrendered to law enforcement authorities at the Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility where she was booked and subsequently released on a \$5,000 bond. Randle was arraigned on the above styled charges on the morning of April 5, 2016.

On Thursday, May 16, 2019, Randle entered a plea of guilty to both charges. Consequently, Randle was sentenced to a term of 10 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), as five years to serve as to Count I and five years to serve as to Count II, to run concurrent. Additionally, Randle was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$54,269.98 to the MDOR.

This matter was investigated by Criminal Investigators Darrell Mosley and Kyle Wilson of the MDOR and was prosecuted by Special Assistant Attorney General (SAAG) Marvin Sanders of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.