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Former U.S. Department Of The Army Employee Indicted For Theft Of Government Property

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nevada

RENO, Nev. – A former U.S. Department of the Army employee made his initial appearance in court Monday for allegedly stealing over \$800,000.00 in government property.

Tamilo Pale Fe'a, also known as "T," 60, of Sparks, Nevada, is charged with theft of government property and access device fraud. United States Magistrate Judge Carla Baldwin scheduled a jury trial to begin June 6, 2023, before United States District Judge Anne Traum.

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According to allegations made in the indictment, from a time unknown but no earlier than November 1, 2021, and continuing through approximately December 31, 2021, Fe'a stole military heavy equipment, including vehicles, semi-trailers, generator trailers, flatbed trailers, refrigerator trailers, armored office trailers, tractors, and box vans from the Hawthorne Army Weapons Depot in Hawthorne, Nevada. The total value of the stolen property was over \$800,000.00. From September 2020 to August 2021, Fe'a made about 69 transactions with a fuel fleet credit card for his personal benefit at various gas stations in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and California.

If convicted, Fe'a faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison for theft of government property and a maximum of 15 years in prison for access device fraud. He also faces a period of supervised release, restitution, and monetary penalties.

United States Attorney Jason M. Frierson for the District of Nevada made the announcement.

The U.S. Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service; U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division; and General Services Administration — Office of the Inspector General investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Randolph J. St. Clair is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an allegation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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