

1 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
2 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

3 STATE OF ALASKA,

4 Plaintiff,

5 vs.

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7 SUSAN BETH HOOKER

8 DOB: 04/16/1965

9 APSIN ID: 9220019

DMV NO.: H260-782-65-636-0 FL

ATN: 115745886

10 Defendant.

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12 No. 3AN-20-\_\_\_\_\_ CR (Susan Beth Hooker)

13 INFORMATION

14 I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2)  
15 residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a  
crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.  
16 The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990:

17 Count I - AS 11.46.600(a)(2)

Scheme To Defraud

Susan Beth Hooker - 001

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19 Count II - AS 11.46.120

Theft In The First Degree

Susan Beth Hooker - 002

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21 Count III - AS 11.46.620(a)

Misapplication Of Property

Susan Beth Hooker - 003

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24 THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS CHARGES:

25 COUNT I

26 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about October 2015 -  
27 September 2017, at or near Anchorage, SUSAN BETH HOOKER engaged in conduct

1 constituting a scheme to defraud one or more persons of \$10,000 or to obtain \$10,000 or more  
2 from one or more persons by false or fraudulent pretense, representation, or promise and  
3 obtained property or services in accordance with the scheme.

4 All of which is a Felony class B offense being contrary to and in violation of  
5 11.46.600(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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8 **COUNT II**

9 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about October 2015 -  
10 September 2017, at or near Anchorage, SUSAN BETH HOOKER committed the crime of theft  
11 as defined in 11.46.100(1-6) and the value of the property or services was \$25,000 or more.

12 All of which is a class B Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS  
13 11.46.120 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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16 **COUNT III**

17 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about October 2015 -  
18 September 2017, at or near Anchorage, SUSAN BETH HOOKER knowingly misapplied  
19 property that had been entrusted to the defendant as a fiduciary or that was property of the  
20 government or a financial institution, and the value of the property was \$750 or more.

21 All of which is a class C Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of  
22 AS11.46.620(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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25 The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of police  
26 report PBK-0699743 submitted to date.

1 This case arose after a complaint made to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) in  
2 July 2018. The complainant stated that she was a public guardian of two significantly disabled  
3 adults, siblings D and T, who lived in an assisted living home in Anchorage. She stated that D  
4 and T's former guardian, their aunt Susan Hooker, had stolen approximately \$38,000-\$53,000  
5 from D and T after the siblings' parent passed away and left them an inheritance. The  
6 complainant stated that Hooker may have stolen more, but she was not an accountant and the  
7 \$38,000-\$53,000 was the amount immediately apparent to a layman as missing from the  
8 siblings' trust funds.  
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10 The case was assigned to Chief Investigator Warren and Forensic Accountant Margaret  
11 Summers. Investigator Warrant and Accountant Summers reviewed a video recording taken by  
12 the current guardian of a conversation she had with Hooker. On that video recording, Hooker  
13 admits to misappropriating money from D and T, but states that she would pay it back. The  
14 current guardian told the investigators that Hooker became D and T's guardian after D and T's  
15 mother died, and D and T's mother had left D and T an inheritance estimated to be greater than  
16 \$150,000. Given the way Medicaid regulations work, the inheritance had to be dealt with in a  
17 specific manner in a special type of trust fund in order for D and T to keep their Medicaid  
18 eligibility. It was through this process that Hooker was able to siphon money from D and T's  
19 inheritance.  
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21 The current guardian informed Anchorage Magistrate Stanley, who oversees D and T's  
22 public guardianship, of her findings. On September 5, 2018 Magistrate Stanley held a hearing at  
23 which he asked Hooker about the allegations. Hooker told the Magistrate that she  
24 misappropriated the money but would pay it back. Hooker also wrote a letter to the Magistrate  
25 indicating that she was in dire financial straits when she misappropriated the money. Magistrate  
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1 Stanley and Anchorage Superior Court Judge Crosby ordered Hooker to pay the money back to  
2 D and T's trust fund. At the time of the Court order, the only money apparent to anyone (besides  
3 Hooker) was the \$39,000-\$53,000 amount. As of the writing of this Information, the money has  
4 not been paid back.

5 Investigator Warren obtained D and T's public guardianship court file and the court file  
6 for the estate of D and T's mother, both of which are filed in Anchorage Superior Court.  
7 Investigator Warren observed that both court files show that D and T are significantly disabled,  
8 and that when their mother died she left them money from the estate. He saw that D and T's  
9 guardianship transferred from D and T's mother to Hooker in October 2015, and then from  
10 Hooker to the current guardian in September 2017. He saw the order from the Court requiring  
11 Hooker to pay the money back, and the log notes from the hearing at which Hooker admitted to  
12 misappropriating the money. Investigator Warren also observed a hand-written note from Hooker  
13 promising to pay the money back at a rate of \$100/month.

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16 Investigator Warren and Accountant Summers obtained a search warrant to analyze  
17 various bank accounts. Investigator Warren and Accountant Summers also obtained court  
18 documents related to D and T's mother's estate. Finally, Investigator Warren and Accountant  
19 Summers obtained life insurance documents from various insurance companies. Accountant  
20 Summers found that D and T's mother's estate included life insurance policies, the equity in a  
21 house located in Anchorage, and money intended for D and T's trust fund. Accountant Summers  
22 observed that Hooker took money intended for D and T from the whole of the estate, not just the  
23 \$39,000-\$53,000 trust fund money described in preceding paragraphs. Accountant Summers saw  
24 that Hooker spent the money on a boat, on a Mercedes, on mortgage arrears, and on incidentals  
25 of her own daily living. Of the money belonging to D and T after the passing of their mother,  
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1 Hooker transferred a majority of the money to herself, and transferred only a fraction to D and  
2 T's special trust fund account. Summers observed that the total amount of the money taken from  
3 D and T was well in excess of \$100,000.

4 Hooker committed the crimes of theft, scheme to defraud, and misapplication of property  
5 when she intentionally misappropriated money in an amount greater than \$25,000 belonging to D  
6 and T using her authority as their guardian. Hooker resides in Florida, but the guardianship, trust  
7 funds, and estate for which she was the fiduciary are filed in Alaska and the funds related thereto  
8 are subject to Alaska jurisdiction.  
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12 BAIL INFORMATION

13 The State requests a summons with appropriate bail set at arraignment.

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15 Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

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18 CLYDE SNIFFEN, JR.  
19 ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

20 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
21 Eric Senta  
22 Assistant Attorney General  
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