

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
 :
 v. : 1:24CR 183 -1
 :
 BETTY ANNE DARR COLBERT :

The Grand Jury charges:

Introductory Allegations

A. The United States Bankruptcy Code exists to assist debtors with getting a fresh start. The bankruptcy laws provide debtors with the opportunity to either reorganize and pay their debts while keeping their property, such as a residence, or to liquidate their assets through a bankruptcy trustee. A debtor is a person concerning whom a petition has been filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, the Bankruptcy Code.

B. A bankruptcy case begins when a bankruptcy petition is filed with the bankruptcy court. Documents filed in a bankruptcy case include the petition, the bankruptcy schedules, and the statement of financial affairs. All of these documents are attested to under the penalty of perjury.

C. On or about April 14, 2022, the defendant, Betty Anne Darr Colbert, filed a Petition for Chapter 13 Bankruptcy in the United States

Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, Case No. 22-50201, *In re Betty Anne Darr Colbert*.

COUNT ONE
(Concealment of Assets)

On or about March 8, 2023, in the Middle District of North Carolina and elsewhere, BETTY ANNE DARR COLBERT did knowingly and fraudulently conceal from creditors and the trustee charged with control of the debtor's property, in connection with a case under Title 11, United States Code, the Bankruptcy Code, *In re Betty Anne Darr Colbert*, Case No. 22-50201, property belonging to the estate of a debtor, that is the proceeds from the sale of a travel trailer.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 152(1).

COUNT TWO
(False Bankruptcy Declaration)

On or about July 6, 2023, in the Middle District of North Carolina and elsewhere, BETTY ANNE DARR COLBERT, knowingly and fraudulently made a false material statement under oath in and in relation to a case under Title 11, United States Code, the Bankruptcy Code, *In re Betty Anne Darr Colbert*, Case No. 22-50201, by falsely testifying under oath in a proceeding before the case trustee that her travel trailer was listed for sale for \$12,500, when in truth and in fact, as she then well knew, BETTY ANNE DARR COLBERT sold the trailer months earlier for approximately \$30,000.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 152(2).

DATED: May 28, 2024

SANDRA J. HAIRSTON
United States Attorney

Ashley E. Waid
BY: ASHLEY E. WAID
Assistant United States Attorney

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON *J*