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Grand Jury Indicts Man for PFD Forgery

Juneau- On October 7, 2011 Anchorage resident Daniel Batalona was indicted by a Juneau Grand Jury on three counts of Forgery in the first degree and three counts of Theft in the second degree. Batalona is 64 years old.

The indictment alleges that in October 2010 Daniel Batalona received PFD checks in the mail that did not belong to him. Batalona allegedly forged both of the endorsement signatures on the back of the three checks, and then deposited the checks into his personal bank account.

Forgery in the first degree (AS 11.46.500) is a class 'B' felony. If found guilty of a Class 'B' felony, Batalona could face up to 10 years in jail, and up to a \$100,000 fine for each offense. Theft in the Second degree (AS 11.46.130) is a class 'C' felony. If found guilty of a Class 'C' felony, Batalona could face up to five years in jail, and up to a \$50,000 fine for each offense.

This investigation was conducted by the Criminal Investigations Unit of the State Of Alaska, Department of Revenue – the agency tasked with investigating Permanent Fund fraud.

For information about the Permanent Fund Dividend Division, or to report suspected PFD Fraud, the public may contact the Permanent Fund Dividend Division in person, on the phone, via email, or on the PFD website: <http://www.pfd.state.ak.us/>

Readers are reminded that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. A Grand Jury Indictment is merely an accusation. See, Alaska Rule of Professional Conduct 3.6(b).
