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**Woman Convicted of Stealing \$120,000 Using her Dead Mother's Social Security Number**

Terri Sue Potter (DOB 07/02/56) has been convicted of three counts of felony theft for using her dead mother's Social Security number to fraudulently obtain \$120,000 in Social Security payments over a period of 25 years.

The Adams County District Court jury heard evidence in the case and came back with their guilty verdicts late Tuesday afternoon. Potter was convicted as charged on three counts of felony theft (F3). She took \$120,000 from 1987 to 2012.

Potter's mother, Helen Browning Potter, was born in 1911, and obtained a Social Security card in 1937 when the program began. The theft was discovered under the Social Security Administration's Centenarian Program in which people who are 100 years old are contacted to see if they need additional supplemental benefits. When employees attempted to contact Helen Browning Potter, they discovered she had died in 1987.

Potter is free on \$10,000 bond. Sentencing is set at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 5 in Division L of Adams County District Court.

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