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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	011
	§	No. 4:20CR 3/6
v.	§	Judge Jordan Johnson
	§	Joraan I Johnson
TIFFANY O'NEAL	8	

FACTUAL BASIS

The defendant, **Tiffany O'Neal**, hereby stipulates and agrees that at all times relevant to the Information herein, the following facts were true:

- 1. That the defendant, **Tiffany O'Neal**, who is entering a plea of guilty, is the same person charged in the Information;
- 2. That between in or around July 2012 and continuing up until in or around August 2017, both **Tiffany O'Neal** and her husband, Timothy Sanchez, were receiving financial aid awards from the University of North Texas.
- 3. That between in or around July 2012 and continuing up until in or around August 2017, **Tiffany O'Neal** was employed in the financial aid office of the University of North Texas, and had the ability to approve and reject financial aid awards and grants.
- 4. That between in or around July 2012 and continuing up until in or around August 2017, **Tiffany O'Neal** knowingly and willfully submitted fictitious expenses relating to her husband's financial aid application, approved financial aid awards to her husband to which he was not otherwise entitled, and awarded monetary grants to her husband that he should not have received.

- 5. That between on or about June 10, 2014 and continuing up until in or around August 2017, **Tiffany O'Neal** knowingly and willfully increased her own financial aid awards by disbursing her own aid and also requesting fellow employees in the financial aid office to approve and process increases for her personal awards.
- 6. That in sum, **Tiffany O'Neal** misappropriated approximately \$153,886 as it relates to Timothy Sanchez's financial aid, and misappropriated approximately \$80,277 as it relates to her own financial aid.
- 7. That a portion of the funds misappropriated by **Tiffany O'Neal** qualify as federally-appropriated funds provided or insured under subchapter IV of Chapter 28 of United States Code Title 20 or part C of subchapter I of chapter 34 of United States Code Title 42.

DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

8. I have read this Factual Basis and the Information and have discussed them with my attorney. I fully understand the contents of this Factual Basis and agree without reservation that it accurately describes the events and my acts.

Dated: 10/29/20

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Defendant

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT'S SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

9. I have read this Factual Basis and the Information and have reviewed them with my client. Based upon my discussions with the defendant, I am satisfied that the defendant understands the Factual Basis and the Information.

Dated: 10/29/20

FRANK WARREN HENDERSON

Attorney for the Defendant