

Report Summary

Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General

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Objective

To provide information on individuals not paid the Martinez settlement payments under *the No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009*.

Background

On January 12, 2010, Congressman Sam Johnson, Congressman John Linder, and Congressman Wally Herger requested information regarding beneficiaries affected by both the Martinez settlement and the *No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009*. Specifically, they requested statistical information showing how many prison inmates—whose Martinez settlement-related payments the Social Security Administration (SSA) withheld—were in prison because of fugitive felon warrants versus other crimes.

To view the full report, visit <http://www.ssa.gov/oig/ADO/BEPDF/A-01-10-20112.pdf>

Congressional Response Report: Martinez Settlement Benefits Withheld Under the No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009

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Our Findings

As of January 2010, for the 157 individuals SSA identified as having potential prison addresses, the Agency properly withheld Martinez settlement payments in 80 cases pursuant to the *No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009*. Of these 80 individuals, 21 were incarcerated because of a fugitive felon warrant. Additionally, the Agency correctly processed Martinez settlement payments totaling \$553,835 for 76 individuals and incorrectly paid one individual who was still incarcerated.