

Massachusetts woman sentenced to prison for scheme to defraud elderly uncle of life's savings

"A Saugus woman was sentenced today in federal court in Boston in connection with a scheme to defraud her elderly uncle of his life's savings.

Jayne Carbone, 54, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to 54 months in prison and three years of supervised release. Carbone was also ordered to pay \$493,279 in restitution and forfeiture. On Oct. 12, 2021, Carbone was convicted by a federal jury of four counts of wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Carbone was the caretaker for her uncle for over a decade from 2007 to 2018. Carbone systematically defrauded her uncle of \$493,279, by using her uncle's name and Social Security number to withdraw the funds from his bank accounts. To conceal the scheme, Carbone intercepted her uncle's mail, removed his bank statements and then delivered him fake statements reflecting inflated balances. Once the scheme was uncovered, Carbone refused to return the funds and made various threats against her uncle and other family members.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; and Ketty Larco-Ward, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christopher J. Markham, James R. Drabick and Leslie Wright of Rollins' Securities, Financial & Cyber Fraud Unit prosecuted the case." -Massachusetts Department of Justice.