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Sherrymae Morales, Former National Guard Servicewoman Facing 420 Years In Prison For Wire Fraud

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St. Thomas -- Following a three-day trial, a federal jury found former Virgin Islands National Guard Major Sherrymae Morales, 54, guilty of 21 counts of wire fraud, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced on Wednesday.

The former soldier was ordered to self-surrender to the United States Marshals Service on July 15, 2015, at 3 p.m.

According to evidence presented at trial, from 2010 until 2011, Morales was employed as a full-time employee with the Virgin Islands National Guard (VING) on St. Croix and at the same time she was employed as a full-time VING employee. Morales also held a full-time contract position with the Military Personnel Services Corporation (MPSC), which provides employee support services to members of VING.

The evidence also demonstrated that Morales submitted time sheets to both the MPSC and VING for the same 40-hour work weeks over a period of 14 months.

Morales faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment and fines of up to \$250,000 on each count of conviction. Her sentencing hearing has been set for October, 20, 2015 by District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez.

The case was investigated by the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command-Major Procurement Fraud Unit, Defense Criminal Investigative Service and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.