

FELON HANDED 4½ YEARS FOR BILKING DOCTOR'S OFFICE OF \$308K



Michael T. Inman Sr.'s violent criminal history did not factor in his sentencing.

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A Virginia Beach man with prior convictions for killing his 2-year-old son and molesting two other children was sentenced Thursday to 4½ years in prison for a new set of crimes: health care fraud and identity theft.

Michael T. Inman Sr., 66, admitted in federal court that he stole more than \$300,000 from a doctor's office in a check forgery scheme, assisted by a woman who worked in the office. He pleaded guilty to health care fraud and aggravated identity theft.

The woman, Catherine Nell Williams, formerly known as Catherine Rittenhouse, pleaded guilty as well and will be sentenced today. The two had a relationship that produced a child, his attorney said.

Inman admitted that he used the identity of a Virginia Beach doctor to cash forged insurance checks that Williams had stolen from the office. They forged 590 checks totaling \$308,000, court records say.

Inman was convicted in 1976 of killing his 2-year-old son in New York by kicking the boy in the stomach. He served about 18 months in prison for that crime. He also served about two years in prison after a 1991 conviction for molesting two children in Virginia Beach.

Because those crimes were so old, that part of his criminal history did not count toward calculating his penalty under federal sentencing guidelines. Otherwise he could have faced considerably more prison time, a prosecutor said.

"He has no respect for the law," Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Stoker told the judge. "What I submit to the court is that it's time. It's time for Mr. Inman to do some serious time."

Inman's attorney, Andrew Protogyrou, tried to shift some blame to Money Mart, the check cashing service Inman used.