

Federal Jury Convicts Joshua Aaron Holmes For Conspiracy To Commit Mail And Wire Fraud

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. On March 7, 2025, following a three-day trial in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Knoxville, a jury convicted Joshua Aaron Holmes, age 43, of Atlanta, Georgia, of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1349, mail fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1341, and wire fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

Holmes faces a sentence of up to 20 years in prison. He will be sentenced by the Honorable Katherine A. Crytzer, United States District Judge in the United States District Court at Knoxville on a date to be determined.

The evidence presented at trial showed that Holmes participated in a scheme to defraud elderly victims. Evidence presented showed that Holmes and others worked to steal money from individuals intending to invest their money. The evidence further showed that Holmes and others then posed as federal agents who promised to help the victims recover money lost through investments; victims were induced to pay fake fees, taxes, and court costs, yet did not receive the return of any lost money—the victims only lost more.

United States Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III of the Eastern District of Tennessee and Special Agent in Charge Joseph E. Carrico of the Nashville Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation made the announcement.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the assistance of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Assistant United States Attorneys Michael S. Deel, David P. Lewen, Jr., and William A. Roach, Jr. represented the United States in this case.