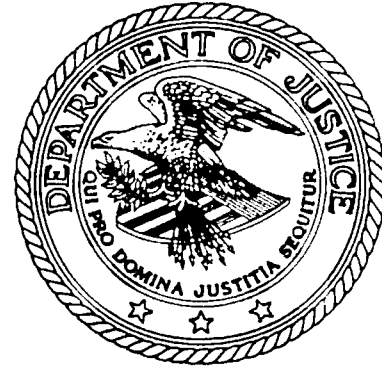


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## **PHYSICIAN IS CHARGED IN FRAUD SCHEME INVOLVING PROBATE OF WILL**

St. Louis, Missouri: Linda Wroblewski, formerly of High Ridge, Missouri, now residing in Lamont, Illinois, was charged by a federal grand jury in St. Louis in a scheme to defraud the children of her former male companion and the Probate Court of Jefferson County, Missouri, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

The indictment alleges that Wroblewski's former male companion, Kenneth C. Wehrman, Jr., died suddenly of heart disease on March 25, 2006. They were not married. Wehrman, who was divorced, had three children ranging in ages from 7 to 25 at the time of his death. According to the indictment, Wroblewski began holding herself out to medical authorities and others as Wehrman's surviving spouse almost immediately after his death, and was listed that way on the death certificate. In July, 2006, Wroblewski submitted a will for probate in Jefferson County, Missouri purporting to be that of Kenneth Wehrman. The indictment alleges that the will was falsely made. According to the terms of the will, most of Wehrman's assets were to go to Wroblewski, including brokerage accounts valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Also according to the terms of the will, Wroblewski was to gain control of Wehrman & Co, which was Wehrman's graphic design business located in Webster Groves. The indictment further alleges that Wroblewski created a false marriage certificate showing that she and Wehrman were married on the Island of Maui, Hawaii in January, 2003.

According to the indictment, Wroblewski is a medical doctor who at various times in the last 15 years, worked as a physician in Missouri and Illinois. It is stated in the indictment that at the time of Wehrman's death in 2005, Wroblewski was not licensed to practice in Missouri and had not been engaged professionally as a physician for several years.

The indictment charges Wroblewski in six counts of mail fraud dealing with her efforts to have the will probated through the Probate Court of Jefferson County. She is alleged to have schemed to defraud the children of Kenneth Wehrman of their legal rights to the assets in his estate. Wroblewski is also charged with two counts of bank fraud which relate to her alleged activities with credit cards issued by Chase Bank and GE Money Bank. The last charge in the nine count indictment alleges that Wroblewski unlawfully used a social security number in an effort to obtain a credit card in Kenneth Wehrman's name.

If convicted, each mail fraud charge carries a maximum penalty of twenty years prison and/or fines up to \$250,000; each bank fraud charge carries a maximum of thirty years prison and/or fines up to \$1 million; false use of a social security number carries a maximum of five years prison and/or fines up to \$250,000.

Wroblewski, 44, formerly of Rockfern Lane, High Ridge, Missouri, now resides in Lamont, Illinois. She was indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Louis last week, the was unsealed today. Wroblewski was arrested by Postal Inspectors Monday evening at her family's residence in Lamont, Illinois, which is in the Chicago area. She is scheduled to appear in federal court here on June 12.

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the U.S. Secret Service, and Assistant United States Attorney James E. Crowe, Jr., who is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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## Doctor is accused of forging will to steal estate

**After physician's boyfriend died, she posed as his wife and heir, authorities charge.**

By Robert Patrick  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

A doctor who practiced in Missouri and Illinois has been indicted on fraud charges that accuse her of faking a will to gain control of her dead boyfriend's money and his Webster Groves company, the U.S. attorney's office said Wednesday.

Dr. Linda M. Wroblewski, 44, pretended to be the wife of Kenneth C. Wehrman Jr., after his death, faking a certificate that said they had married in Maui in 2003, the indictment says.

The pair were not married. Wroblewski married someone else on Maui in 1998 and later

divorced him, the indictment states. Wroblewski and Wehrman met sometime after his 2000 divorce and were living together in his home on Rockfern Lane in High Ridge at the time of his death from heart disease on March 25, 2006, the indictment says.

Wroblewski ordered blank will documents online and then faked Wehrman's will, forging signatures of Wehrman and two witnesses and faking a notary stamp, the indictment alleges, before submitting it in court in Jefferson County.

The will would have granted her control of hundreds of thousands of dollars in a brokerage account, and Wehrman's graphic design business, which would have gone to his three children, ages 17-25.

Wroblewski, who is now liv-

ing in a Chicago suburb, was indicted May 30 on charges of mail fraud and false use of a Social Security number. She also faces bank fraud charges involving the use of two of Wehrman's credit cards to pay bills, including payment for the blank will forms.

The indictment in U.S. District Court in St. Louis was unsealed Wednesday after her arrest Monday night by postal inspectors.

She could face up to 20 years in prison on each of six mail fraud charges, 30 years on each of the two bank fraud charges and five years for the Social Security charge.

Wroblewski has worked as a doctor in both Missouri and Illinois but has not practiced for several years, prosecutors said.

She and the Wehrman family

could not be reached for comment.

Lawyer Hardy Menees, who represents the family members, said they went to court in Jefferson County and blocked the will that Wroblewski filed. They also sued in St. Louis County to have her removed from the death certificate listing her as Wehrman's wife, and to forbid her from holding herself out as his wife.

Menees said Wehrman told family members days before his death that he was ending the relationship with Wroblewski.

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