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1 case that you're about to hear is about a public official, a
2 city councilwoman, who took advantage of those officers'
3 memories for her personal gain.

4 You're going to hear that the defendant, Michele
5 Fiore, started a fake charity and raised tens of thousands of
6 dollars supposedly for the purpose of building a memorial to
7 Officer Alyn Beck. But you're going to hear over the course
8 of this trial that that was a lie. And what's more, the
9 defendant knew that it was a lie.

10 You're going to hear that none of the money that she
11 raised, not one cent, was spent for a memorial to
12 Officer Beck. And during the course of this trial, we're
13 going to follow the money and show you how she spent it: On
14 herself and on her family, paying her rent, her political
15 fundraising bills, for plastic surgery, and for her daughter's
16 wedding.

17 Now, as a result of her actions, the grand jury has
18 charged the defendant with the crime called wire fraud, and
19 the judge has just explained to you what the elements of wire
20 fraud are. And at the end of this trial, she's going to give
21 you -- she's going to reinstruct you on what the elements of
22 wire fraud are. But basically what it means is the defendant
23 told lies in order to obtain money or property and that to do
24 so it involved the use of something called an interstate wire
25 which can be something like the deposit of a check at a bank.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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