



Two plead guilty in Amtrak OIG Supported Sober Homes Investigation

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -- Two substance abuse treatment center owners pleaded guilty to various charges related to money laundering and health care fraud in District Court Jan. 10.

According to a press release from the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, Tovah L. Jasperson, 48, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and Alan M. Bostom, 75, pleaded guilty to one count of making false statements related to a health care matter. Jasperson and Bostom were the owners of Angel's Recovery, a business with multiple locations in Palm Beach County that purportedly operated as a licensed substance abuse service provider, or treatment center, that offered clinical treatment services for alcohol and drug addiction.

The Amtrak Office of Inspector General is supporting the FBI-led Greater Palm Beach Health Care Fraud Task Force in its ongoing investigation into a series of complex insurance fraud schemes in Florida. The task force identified Jasperson and Bostom as suspects during its investigation. Amtrak OIG investigators were invited to be part of the task force in 2014 after Amtrak insurance providers received allegedly fraudulent charges from substance abuse treatment centers and facilities known as "sober homes" in the area.

Sober homes are private residences that provide lodging to individuals who have completed a drug or alcohol treatment program. As part of the scheme, Jasperson and Bostom established illegal kickback/bribe relationships with owners of sober homes in exchange for the referral of the sober homes' insured residents to their facility for substance abuse treatment. Additionally, they would provide kickbacks and bribes to insured individuals to reside in sober homes that Jasperson and Bostom had purchased. These individuals would attend drug treatment programs and submit to unnecessary drug testing that was then charged to their insurance plans.

"We're proud to be a part of any effort that shines a light on those who victimize people seeking medical care," said George L. Dorsett, Amtrak OIG's Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. "We remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting the great work of the task force."

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To date, Amtrak insurance provider Aetna was billed an estimated \$630,000 for the treatment of three dependents of Amtrak employees, paying out at least \$250,000 to Angel's Recovery in fraudulent healthcare charges.

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US Attorney, Southern District of Florida Press Release: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treatment-center-owners-plead-guilty-multi-million-dollar-health-care-fraud-and-money>