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AMTRAK EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBES

Timothy Miller, 36, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was charged today by Information with one count of federal program bribery, announced United States Attorney William M. McSwain.

According to the Information, Miller worked for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) Procurement & Logistics Department as its Lead Contract Administrator responsible for procuring equipment and services and for managing the account for Amtrak diesel and locomotive seat cushion vendors. Amtrak is a recipient of federal grant funds from the United States Department of Transportation.

“The defendant in the case was responsible for millions of dollars in contracts in what was supposed to be a fair bidding process. As the filing alleges, he simply sold out his position,” U.S. Attorney McSwain said.

The Information charges that, from about August of 2015 through June of 2017, Miller awarded more than \$7.6 million in contracts to a small manufacturing firm, in exchange for bribes of approximately \$20,000 and other things of value, including trips to Rehoboth Beach arranged by two executives at the firm.

“We’re very proud of our joint efforts with the cross-agency team of investigators who helped bring this case to light,” said George Dorsett, assistant Inspector General for Investigations with Amtrak’s Office of Inspector General. “We commend their continued dedication, and we remain dedicated to supporting the U.S. Attorney’s Office as this case progresses.”

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years’ imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, a \$100 special assessment, and three years’ supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Amtrak Office of Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, and the Internal Revenue Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Eric L. Gibson.

An Indictment, Information or Criminal Complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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