



Amtrak OIG supported investigation leads to guilty pleas in health care fraud case

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – Smart Lab LLC, the corporation’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, as well as the corporation’s top sales representative pleaded guilty for their participation in a multimillion-dollar health care fraud scheme in U.S. District Court Aug. 31, 2018.

The scheme involved the filing of fraudulent insurance claim forms, defrauding health care benefit programs, and money laundering, according to a U.S. Attorney’s Office press release from the Southern District of Florida.

According to court documents, Smart Lab’s CEO, H. Hamilton Wayne, 40, of Palm Beach Gardens, and its COO, Justin M. Wayne, 39, of Boca Raton, established relationships in which H. Wayne and co-conspirators would solicit bodily fluid samples from substance abuse treatment centers for confirmatory drug testing at Smart Lab’s facility. The scheme sought insurance payments for the testing -- testing that was medically unnecessary.

In exchange for the submission of bodily fluid samples, Smart Lab would kick back a portion of insurance reimbursements for the testing, fraudulently disguised as payments for sales commissions, to the treatment centers. Amtrak’s insurance programs paid more than \$114,000 to Smart Lab over the course of the scheme, according to Amtrak Office of Inspector General investigators.

The Waynes each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. A Smart Lab sales representative involved in the scheme, Lanny Fried, 41, of Miami, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. Sentencing for the Waynes and Fried is scheduled for the first week of November 2018.

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. Amtrak OIG investigators were invited to be part of the task force in 2014 after Amtrak insurance providers received fraudulent charges from substance abuse treatment centers and facilities known as “sober homes” in the area. The Task Force is comprised of more than 10 organizations including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

To read the press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, click the "Report" button.

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