

FORMER EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

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On January 18, 2018, a former Amtrak Customer Service Representative in Indianapolis, Indiana, pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of theft of government funds, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641. Our investigation determined that the former employee falsified her application for food stamp benefits while employed by Amtrak. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ordered her to pay \$69,091 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and sentenced her to two years of probation.

On May 23, 2017, the employee resigned from the company after our investigation confirmed that she had overcharged an Amtrak customer and kept the excess cash. On November 15, 2017, she pleaded guilty in the Marion Superior Court in Indianapolis, Indiana, to one misdemeanor count of theft, and was sentenced to 365 days of probation and ordered to pay \$100 in restitution to the victim. In addition, she was also ordered to perform 32 hours of community service.

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