



**FORMER EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR MAKING A FALSE
STATEMENT TO OBTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

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Case Number: MA-19-0140-O

Web Summary: OIG-WS-2022-306

Robert Barrows, a former Amtrak Assistant Conductor, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, on December 7, 2021, and ordered to pay restitution of \$1,000. He pleaded guilty on June 17, 2021, to making a false statement to obtain federal employee's compensation in 2016. Barrows falsely claimed on his unemployment benefits claim form that he had no income during the claim period when he applied for Railroad Retirement Board unemployment benefits. Our investigation was conducted jointly with the RRB Office of Inspector General.