



**FORMER EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING PAYCHECK
PROTECTION PROGRAM AND UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD**

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Case Number: FL-21-0204-O

Web Summary: OIG-WS-2022-329

A former Amtrak train attendant based in New Orleans, Louisiana, was sentenced in the Eastern District of Louisiana on July 25, 2022, to three years' probation and 12 months' home confinement for theft of government funds and making false statements. In addition, he was ordered to pay restitution of \$64,874.64 to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and \$22,725 to the Louisiana Workforce Commission. Our investigation found that the former employee made false statements to the SBA and fraudulently obtained \$89,583 in pandemic-related relief loans funded through the Paycheck Protection Program. He also fraudulently applied for, and received, unemployment benefits through the Louisiana Workforce Commission despite being fully employed by Amtrak at the time. The employee was terminated from the company on April 4, 2022.