



**FLORIDA MAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT
FUNDS**

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Case Number: 21-0265-I

Web Summary: OIG-WS-2024-304

Edel Perez Acanda, a resident of Miami, Florida, was sentenced on October 16, 2023, in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, for Theft of Government Funds. Perez Acanda was sentenced to 2 months in prison, 3 years' probation, and was ordered to pay \$81,114 in restitution to Amtrak. Perez Acanda was employed by a company contracted by Amtrak to provide food services. Our investigation found that co-defendant Bryan DeCastro fraudulently altered the timecards of Perez Acanda and another individual to make it appear they worked more hours than they did, resulting in payment for hours they did not work. Perez Acanda then paid DeCastro kickbacks for falsely inflating the timecards.