## CALIFORNIA RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT WIRE FRAUD

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Hanna Dinh, a California resident, pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud on October 2, 2023, in U.S. District Court, Central District of California. Our investigation found that Dinh and others made false statements to lenders in connection with fraudulent applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans for her company (HD Financial Firm), including false representations regarding the number of employees on the company's payroll and false certifications that the loans would be used for permissible business purposes. Dinh incorporated HD Financial Firm in June 2020, and was its sole officer and registered agent. Dinh and others submitted fraudulent EIDL and PPP loan applications seeking approximately \$260,672.

This investigation is part of a nationwide law enforcement action, that resulted in criminal charges against 18 defendants for their alleged participation in fraud schemes that exploited the COVID-19 pandemic. A co-defendant in this case, Dr. Anthony Hao Dinh, was also charged for allegedly orchestrating an approximately \$230 million fraud on the Health Resources and Services Administration Uninsured Program. Dr. Dinh allegedly submitted fraudulent claims for treatment of patients, including Amtrak employees, that were insured but billed them to the uninsured program.