

FORMER EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO CARES ACT FRAUD Activity Date: May 9, 2024 Date Posted: May 22, 2024 Case Number: 20-0510-I Web Summary: OIG-WS-2024-333

Ricarda Burrell, a former Customer Service Representative, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, to one count of mail fraud and one count of theft of public money involving CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) fraud. Burrell received the PUA while she was employed at Amtrak. The total fraud amount was \$9,739. Sentencing has been scheduled for September 3, 2024.