FORMER AMTRAK PASSENGER ENGINEER SENTENCED FOR LYING TO AGENTS

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Maurice Driver, a former Amtrak lead service attendant based in Washington, D.C., was sentenced in U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, on November 6, 2024, for making false statements. He was sentenced to time served and a criminal fine of \$200.

According to court documents, Driver was working as a Lead Service Attendant in the café car on an Amtrak train, which departed from Washington, D.C., in the afternoon of January 3, 2024, and ended in Chicago, Illinois, on the morning of January 4, 2024. While working on that train, Driver met a passenger, spoke, and texted with the passenger, and allowed the passenger to use a vacant sleeper car on the train. On January 4, 2024, in Chicago, that passenger reported to Amtrak Police that Driver sexually assaulted her in a sleeper car on the train. Amtrak OIG then initiated an investigation of the sexual assault allegations. During an interview with an Amtrak OIG Special Agent, Driver made multiple false and misleading statements about his communications and contacts with the passenger, denying that he gave the passenger his personal phone number, texted with the passenger, and that he showed the passenger to a sleeper car. On August 8, 2024, Driver pleaded guilty to lying to a federal agent, and he was terminated from the company on October 31, 2024. He is not eligible for rehire.