EMPLOYEE AGREES TO CIVIL SETTLEMENT RELATED TO THE RECEIPT OF ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN

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An Amtrak customer service representative based in West Palm Beach, Florida, signed a civil settlement agreement on December 6, 2024, with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida. The employee agreed to pay \$32,481 in restitution and a penalty of \$1,500 related to the fraudulent receipt of a \$42,900 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). Our investigation found that the employee applied for an EIDL loan for economic losses resulting from the pandemic related to self-employment or businesses he allegedly owned. We found that the employee submitted an application containing false statements and information to qualify for the loan. As a result, the employee received an EIDL loan in the amount of \$42,900 to which he was not entitled.