



**NEW YORK RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR FRAUDULENT RECEIPT  
OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Activity Date: January 28, 2026**

**Date Posted: April 2, 2026**

**Case Number: 21-0260-I**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2026-316**

Ajmal Atherton, a resident of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced on January 28, 2026, in Kings Supreme Criminal Court, to three years of probation and was ordered to pay \$35,250 in restitution. Our investigation found that Atherton applied for and received over \$35,000 in fraudulent New York State unemployment benefits. This investigation was initiated after receiving information alleging that Atherton and a former Amtrak employee were involved in identity theft and other crimes. No charges were filed against the former Amtrak employee.

Atherton previously pleaded guilty on October 29, 2025, to grand larceny and offering a false instrument for filing.