



ELEVEN INDIVIDUALS SENTENCED IN PANDEMIC RELIEF SCHEME

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Web Summary: OIG-WS-2026-357

Eleven Mobile, Alabama, residents were sentenced between June 30, 2026, and September 18, 2026, in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Alabama, for participating in a Paycheck Protection Program scheme.

- Markel Bell was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$22,900 in restitution.
- Zykeria Brown was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$22,796 in restitution.
- Sandria Davis was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$22,548 in restitution.
- Wayne Dembert was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$22,783 in restitution.
- Ahmaud Edwards was sentenced to 15 months in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$22,987 in restitution.
- Tynessa Hollins was sentenced to 30 days in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$17,849 in restitution.
- Shandreka Lee was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$23,052 in restitution.
- Briana Houston was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$14,445 in restitution.
- Juwan James was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$22,616 in restitution.
- Jyretta Williams was sentenced to one day in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$28,822 in restitution.
- Eddie Mitchell was sentenced to 30 days in prison, five years of probation, and was ordered to pay \$23,025 in restitution.

Our investigation found that Alexis Edwards, of Denver, Colorado, prepared falsified PPP loan applications totaling approximately \$328,000 for the defendants in exchange for

approximately \$34,000 in kickbacks. Edwards previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

The case grew out of an Amtrak Office of Inspector general led investigation, with support from the FBI Mobile Field Office, into a fraudulent PPP loan that Edwards helped a Mississippi-based Amtrak employee obtain. A total of 13 defendants have been charged in this case, 12 of whom have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud.