



Amtrak employee pleads guilty to lying to an Amtrak OIG agent

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Maurice Driver, 35, an Amtrak employee from Gloucester City, New Jersey, pleaded guilty August 5, 2024, to one count of lying to a federal agent, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Columbia.

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 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.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 6, 2024.

This case was investigated by the Amtrak OIG with assistance from the Amtrak Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Rebecca G. Ross and Brian P. Kelly, of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia.

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