



**EMPLOYEE AGREES TO CIVIL SETTLEMENT AFTER FALSIFYING  
APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN  
ADVANCE**

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**Case Number: 24-0076-I**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2024-348**

An Amtrak train attendant based in Miami, Florida, signed a civil settlement agreement on September 2, 2024, with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida. The employee was ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution and a \$2,500 penalty. Our investigation found that the employee submitted a false claim for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance of \$10,000 for an alleged agriculture business, which operated out of his home. We interviewed the employee, who admitted he did not own an agricultural business and that his loan application contained false information. As a result, he received an EIDL loan advance in the amount of \$10,000 to which he was not entitled.