



**PENNSYLVANIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN AMTRAK TICKET  
FRAUD SCHEME**

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**Case Number: IL-18-0404-O**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2021-323**

A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, to theft of government funds on January 12, 2021. Our investigation disclosed that Ryan Kane, a resident of Philadelphia, participated in a scheme to defraud Amtrak and others by using stolen credit card information from more than 10 credit cards to purchase Amtrak tickets online. Kane then cancelled the Amtrak tickets and received vouchers for the value of those tickets from Amtrak. Kane sold the Amtrak vouchers on eBay at a fraction of their face value. As a result, Kane fraudulently caused Amtrak to issue more than \$35,000 in ticket vouchers.

In addition, Kane conspired with Christian Newby by showing him how to execute the scheme. Newby, a resident of Milan, Michigan, defrauded Amtrak of more than \$540,000 and was sentenced to 72 months in federal prison in September 2020.

Kane will be sentenced at a future date.