TWO FLORIDA MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT WIRE FRAUD

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Florida residents Jean Barbier and Bryan DeCastro pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud on January 10, 2023, and January 17, 2023, respectively, in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Both defendants were employed by a company contracted by Amtrak to provide food services. Our investigation found that DeCastro fraudulently altered the timecards of Barbier and another individual to make it appear they worked more hours than they did, resulting in payment for hours they did not work. Barbier then paid DeCastro kickbacks for falsely inflating the timecards. Both defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on a future date.