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

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An Amtrak train attendant based in Miami, Florida, signed a civil settlement agreement on May 13, 2024, with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida. The employee was ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution and a \$5,000 penalty. Our investigation found that the employee submitted a false claim for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance of \$10,000. We interviewed the employee and he admitted to receiving the EIDL Advance for a non-existent catering business. As a result, the employee received an EIDL loan advance in the amount of \$10,000 to which he was not entitled.