



Florida man pleads guilty to obstruction in Amtrak OIG-supported health care fraud investigation

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -- An employee of a Coral Springs addiction treatment center pleaded guilty to his role in obstructing an ongoing health care fraud investigation in Federal Court Tuesday.

According to a press release from the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida, Jeffrey A. Williams, 30, of North Lauderdale, Fla., pleaded guilty to one count of obstruction of a criminal health care investigation in connection with his employment at Deerfield Medical Center. Although owned by a non-physician, DMC operated as a doctors' group and provided medical services to various substance abuse treatment facilities located in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Williams is the fifth DMC employee to plead guilty to charges related to health care fraud.

Since 2014, special agents from Amtrak's Office of Inspector General have been supporting the FBI-led Greater Palm Beach Health Care Fraud Task Force in its ongoing investigation into a series of complex insurance and health care fraud schemes in Florida. Amtrak's insurance providers were fraudulently billed as a result of these schemes. To date, the actions of the task force have resulted in fifteen convictions of individuals involved in health care related crimes in Southern Florida.

"It's evident that the work of the task force is having a real impact on these criminal operations in Southern Florida," said George L. Dorsett, Amtrak OIG's Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. "These crimes hurt individuals who, in earnest, are seeking help. Every time we see another conviction or guilty plea as a result of the ongoing investigation, it strengthens our resolve to end these crimes against Amtrak, its employees and their dependents."

The Greater Palm Beach Health Care Fraud Task Force is comprised of more than 10 organizations including federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

US Attorney, Southern District Florida Press Release: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/treatment-facility-worker-pleads-guilty-obstruction-healthcare-fraud-investigation>