



**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FRAUD**

**APRIL 8, 2016**

**CASE OIG-I-2016-512**

At the request of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), Office of Inspector General, the Amtrak OIG jointly investigated former Amtrak employee Elias P. Banales for fraudulently collecting unemployment benefits from the RRB, while earning income through other employment. The investigation determined that Banales was employed by Autozone West, Inc. during the period of November 9, 2009 through November 15, 2010 while collecting benefits from the RRB. On March 30, 2016, Banales pleaded guilty in United States District Court, Central District of California. Banales was sentenced to 1 year probation, fined \$500.00, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$10,636.00.