



**STAGED CAR COLLISION IN TRAIN ACCIDENT**

**APRIL 8, 2016**

**CASE OIG-I-2016-513**

In April 2015, the United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina announced the indictment and arrest of James Duvall Love and Deon Dovell Roberts, for conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, causing a train wreck, and unlawful interference with a train operator. The indictment and arrest resulted from an investigation which determined that in the early morning hours of September 6, 2013, the two men parked a car in the path of an oncoming Amtrak train, got out of the car prior to the collision, and then returned to the car after the collision, feigning injury, all for the purposes of submitting bogus claims for personal injuries and other losses. On June 17, 2015, Love pled guilty to count 1 of the indictment and on November 2, 2015, Roberts pled guilty to the same charge. In pleading guilty, both individuals accepted responsibility for causing the train accident. On January 27, 2016, Love was sentenced to 46 months incarceration, with 3 years' probation and assessed a \$200.00 fine. On March 3, 2016, Roberts was sentenced to serve 21 months in prison with 3 years' probation and a special assessment of \$580.00. Additionally, both Love and Roberts were ordered jointly to pay \$46,690.27 in restitution to Amtrak. We investigated this case with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Allendale County Sheriff's Department and the Fairfax Police Department.