



**FORMER EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR FALSE STATEMENTS TO  
AMTRAK OIG AGENTS IN INVESTIGATION OF CONTRACT  
STEERING**

**Activity Date: February 27, 2018**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2018-314**

A former Amtrak Superintendent of Transportation at Chicago Union Station, Benjamin Sheets, was sentenced on February 27, 2018, in the Federal District Court of Northern Illinois after pleading guilty to making false statements to our agents in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1). Sheets was sentenced to serve two years of federal probation and three months of community confinement, and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment fee. Our investigation found that Sheets had engaged in a conflict of interest in violation of company policy by steering a contract to a family member for personal gain and, when questioned about his conduct, made false statements to our agents.

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