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BRONX MAN SENTENCED FOR JUGGLING DUAL IDENTITIES TO STEAL WELFARE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

NEW YORK CITY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott announced today the sentencing and restitution paid by a Bronx man who juggled two identities over a span of four years to steal welfare and unemployment benefits to which he was not entitled.

Daryel Moore, 42, of Furman Avenue, Bronx, was sentenced today and will pay \$10,260 restitution and serve three years on probation for his admitted thefts from the welfare and unemployment systems. The sentencing is based on his previous guilty plea to Welfare Fraud in the Fifth Degree.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott and the State Department of Labor found that since at least 2007, Moore was in possession of two distinct social security numbers issued to him. Between 2012 and spring 2016, he juggled both those numbers through six separate employers as part of a scheme in which he collected Medicaid, food stamp and unemployment benefits to which he was not entitled. For example, when he lost a job he held using one of those Social Security numbers, he found new employment using his other Social Security number. At the same time, he claimed benefits as if unemployed under the first number.

During the four-year period in which he held six jobs using the two different Social Security numbers, apart from a three-week period in early 2015, he was never actually unemployed or without employment income. Simultaneously, the investigation found his numerous applications for welfare benefits during that time, such as Medicaid and food stamps, were falsified and did not report his true income.

“This defendant juggled two identities and six part-time jobs to help sustain his full-time career in criminal fraud during a four year period,” said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. “I will continue to vigorously pursue anyone who defrauds the public benefits system for self-enrichment at the expense of those truly in need.”

Moore pleaded guilty last year and was sentenced today in Bronx Criminal Court.

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked the New York State Department of Labor for their work on this investigation and Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark and her office for prosecuting this matter.

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