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BRONX MAN JUGGLED DUAL IDENTITIES TO STEAL MORE THAN \$25,000 IN WELFARE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

NEW YORK CITY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott announced today the arrest of a Bronx man on charges that he juggled two identities over a span of four years to steal more than \$25,000 in welfare and unemployment benefits to which he was not entitled.

Daryel Moore, 40, of Furman Avenue, Bronx, was charged with two counts each of Grand Larceny in the Third and Fourth Degrees, two counts each of Welfare Fraud in the Third and Fourth Degrees, and 55 counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, all felonies. He was also charged with two counts each of Petit Larceny and Welfare Fraud in the Fifth Degree, and 55 counts of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the Second Degree, all misdemeanors.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott and the State Department of Labor found that since at least 2007, Moore has been in possession of two distinct social security numbers issued to him. Between 2012 and this spring, he juggled both those numbers through six separate employers as part of a scheme in which he collected about \$14,300 in Medicaid and food stamp benefits to which he was not entitled, and \$11,244 in unemployment benefits he should not have received. 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 used two identities and a series of short-lived employments to enable his criminal scheme stealing public benefits to which he was not entitled,” said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. “I will continue to vigorously pursue anyone who defrauds the public benefits system and the government for self-enrichment.”

“Fraud allegedly was a full-time job for this defendant, who used two different Social Security numbers to collect more than \$25,000 in unemployment, Medicaid and food stamp benefits while he was employed all along,” said Bronx **District Attorney Darcel D. Clark**. “The investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott and the State Department of Labor, and our prosecution of the case, show that we will not tolerate the theft of public funds meant to help the needy.”

Moore was arraigned in Bronx Criminal Court and released pending his next appearance in court Dec. 12.

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 the arrest and for prosecuting this matter.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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