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## CENTRAL NEW YORK FOOD CATERING BUSINESS OWNER PLEADS GUILTY TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD

ALBANY – New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott announced the guilty plea of a Morrisville business owner on charges he failed to provide required Workers' Compensation coverage for the employees of the food truck catering service he owns.

Robert A. Moore, 60, of Morrisville, pleaded guilty last night in Schoharie Village Court to the Workers' Compensation crime of Failure to Secure Compensation. Concurrent with the plea, the Court imposed a fine and surcharge of \$455.

An investigation by Inspector General Leahy Scott found that Moore, owner of Stockyard BBQ and Catering, a food truck business that primarily operates at fairs and festivals, submitted a mobile food service permit application to the Schoharie County Health Department on May 8, 2017 and certified in the application that his business is exempt from Workers' Compensation coverage because it has no employees. Under New York State law, businesses are required to provide Workers' Compensation coverage for employees. However, employees besides Moore were observed working in the truck. Moore's company has not had Workers' Compensation coverage since late 2015.

"This employer used fraud and deceit to boost his profits while leaving workers unprotected by mandatory Workers' Compensation coverage," said **Inspector General Leahy Scott**. "I will continue to use my powers to pursue anyone who fails to provide Workers' Compensation coverage for their hard-working employees."

Inspector General Leahy Scott thanked the Schoharie County Health Department for their assistance with the investigation, the New York State Police for their assistance with the arrest, and Schoharie County District Attorney James Sackett and his office for prosecuting this matter.

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