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Attorney General Miyares Secures Conviction for Unemployment Fraud

RICHMOND, VA – Attorney General Jason Miyares today announced that his Unemployment Compensation Fraud Unit has secured another conviction.

- Ajarhi Roberts, Winchester: convicted in Winchester City Circuit Court of a felony obtain money by false pretense (Va. Code sec. 18.2-178).

Following the conviction, Roberts was sentenced to 5 years in prison, with all but four months suspended, on the condition of supervised probation and payment of restitution. Roberts was ordered to pay \$100,000 in restitution to the Virginia Employment Commission.

The conviction is the result of a joint investigation by Virginia State Police, The U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Inspector General and the United States Postal Service - Office of Inspector General.

“Unemployment fraud is a cruel way of taking advantage of systems designed to help Virginians down on their luck. My unemployment compensation fraud unit is dedicated to bringing these cases to justice,” **said Attorney General Miyares.**

[In March of 2022](#), the Virginia Employment Commission asked Attorney General Miyares to help prosecute fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation.

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