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Des Moines Woman Sent to Federal Prison for Submitting Fraudulent Unemployment Claims

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa – A Des Moines woman was sentenced on July 16, 2026 to 12 months and 1 day in prison and ordered to pay nearly \$30,000 in restitution for wire fraud.

According to public court documents, from March 2020 to December 2020, Victoria Tomeatre Green, 29, used her position as a contract employee of Iowa Workforce Development to fraudulently obtain \$29,459.03 in unemployment benefits. Green submitted 25 false benefit claims under her name, and another 27 false benefit claims improperly using the means of identification of another.

After completing her term of imprisonment, Green will be required to serve a three-year term of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system. Green was also ordered to pay \$29,459.03 in restitution.

"By exploiting the identities of innocent individuals, Green brazenly stole funds intended to support unemployed American workers. Her guilty plea and sentencing reaffirm our unwavering commitment to pursuing fraud and holding every bad actor accountable," said Anthony P. D'Esposito, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor. "If you attempt to defraud the system—whether by stealing identities or abusing public trust—we will track you down and ensure you face the full consequences."

United States Attorney David C. Waterman of the Southern District of Iowa made the announcement. The United States Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General and Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Lubben.

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