

PRESS RELEASE

Former TSA Security Officer Sentenced for Fraudulently Obtaining Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

Defendant received over \$47,000 in benefits while still employed by TSA

BOSTON – A Worcester man was sentenced in federal court in Boston for fraudulently obtaining tens of thousands of dollars in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) while employed as a TSA Security Officer full-time.

Ismael Rosado Jr., 40, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Patti B. Saris to three years' probation. The government recommended a sentence of four months in prison to be followed by one year of supervised release. Rosado was ordered to pay \$47,526 of restitution. [In February 2026](#), Rosado pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. Rosado was charged [in December 2025](#).

Rosado was employed full-time as a TSA Security Officer at Boston Logan International Airport from November 2018 through October 2021. Between May 2020 and September 2021, Rosado submitted an application seeking PUA and weekly certifications claiming he was unemployed and making no income. Based on misrepresentations in the application and weekly certifications, Rosado received \$47,526 in unemployment benefits to which he was not entitled.

United States Attorney Leah B. Foley; Anthony D'Esposito, Inspector General of the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; and Joseph V. Cuffari, Ph.D., Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Sullivan of the Criminal Division prosecuted the case.

On March 26, 2026, United States Attorney Leah B. Foley announced the creation of the Benefit & Voter Fraud Team, a district-wide initiative established in response to the rampant fraud being uncovered across Massachusetts. The Team is led by two senior

federal prosecutors serving as Fraud Coordinators, whose mission it is to aggressively investigate and prosecute misuse of taxpayer-funded benefits in Massachusetts.

Members of the public are encouraged to report suspected benefit fraud in Massachusetts by calling 1-855-SCAM-MA-1 (855-722-6621).

On April 7, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the [National Fraud Enforcement Division](#). The Fraud Division is investigating and prosecuting those who commit fraud against the American people. The Department's work to combat fraud supports President Trump's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, a whole-of-government effort chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within Federal benefit programs.

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