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No Amount Too Small, No Fraud Too Large—And Counting: OIG Secures Major Fraud Takedowns and Launches New Visa Abuse Probe

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General (OIG), continues to aggressively crackdown on fraud, relentlessly pursuing criminals and dismantling schemes that undermine the integrity of our nation’s workforce.

This week, the OIG delivered significant victories, putting fraudsters behind bars and opening a sweeping new investigation targeting abuse in H-1B and PERM employment visa programs. The fight does not stop at prosecution; it extends across every aspect of DOL programs, targeting fraud wherever it hides. These visas are intended to address labor shortages, not serve as cash funnels for corrupt employers and labor brokers.

The OIG’s efforts extend beyond prosecution, targeting fraud across all DOL programs. Through close collaboration with President Donald Trump and Vice President J.D. Vance’s White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, the OIG is sharpening its resolve and deploying new strategies to protect American jobs and safeguard taxpayer dollars. Inspector General Anthony P. D’Esposito is leading this initiative, setting a new standard in the war against fraud. “We are fighting for the American worker every single day. Our mission is clear: shut down fraud, end exploitation, and safeguard every American dollar and every American job. With our whole-of-government approach and strong coordination across our federal partners, we

are zeroing in on scammers who try to manipulate the employment visa system and cheat American workers,” **said Anthony P. D’Esposito, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Labor.** “Let me be clear—we have zero tolerance for fraudsters who exploit vulnerable workers or attempt to game these programs. We will find you, expose you, and hold you fully accountable. Your time is up.”

LITTLE ROCK, AR. — An Arkansas woman, Kembreia Greer, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison, followed by one year of supervised release and ordered to pay \$334,441.62 in restitution for wire fraud. Greer submitted applications for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits using her name and other identities, to multiple state work force agencies, including California, Texas, Alabama, Illinois. With the exception of Arkansas, Greer neither worked nor resided in the states for which she applied for unemployment benefits. “Greer brazenly stole funds meant to support vulnerable Americans through difficult times. Her guilty plea and sentencing underscore our unwavering determination to pursue fraud wherever it hides,” **said Inspector General D’Esposito.** “If you attempt to defraud the system, know this: we will hunt you down, investigate you and ensure you face full consequences. Accountability is not an option.”

BOSTON, MA. — A Massachusetts company, John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc., was sentenced to 18 months of probation and ordered to pay \$115,000 in restitution for willfully violating Occupational Safety and Health Administration safety standards in a 2023 incident that led to a worker’s death. “Employers carry a legal and moral obligation to protect workers from known hazards,” **Inspector General D’Esposito added.** “John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc. deliberately failed to comply with OSHA safety regulations, resulting in a preventable tragedy that cost an American worker his life. The Department of Labor Office of Inspector General remains committed to working with OSHA, the Solicitor’s Office, and our law enforcement partners to ensure those who neglect worker safety and violate federal laws are held accountable.”

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