

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **TWC Prosecutes 18 for Unemployment Insurance Fraud**

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) warns that criminal prosecutions for Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud are being pursued aggressively. From January 1, 2006, to October 1, 2006, TWC has referred 270 cases to state district attorney offices for criminal prosecution. Also during the same period, \$852,732 was recovered for the UI Trust Fund through prosecution efforts throughout the state.

Recently, 18 claimants were prosecuted for fraud:

- Sandy McDaniel of Bexar County made full restitution of \$4,592 and received three years deferred adjudication probation on the charge of state jail felony theft. She was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 and perform 120 hours of community service.
- Timothy Raymo of Bexar County received two years regular probation for state jail felony theft. He was ordered to pay \$9,371 in restitution.
- Beverly E. Barker of Dallas County received two years deferred adjudication probation on the state jail felony charge of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$2,800 restitution. She was also ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000.
- Darryl Clark of Dallas County received two years deferred adjudication probation on the state jail felony charge of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$5,457 restitution.
- Kamecia Davis-Glover of Dallas County received five years deferred adjudication probation on the state jail felony charge of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$6,058 in restitution. She was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,500.
- Dwain Forrest of Dallas County received five years deferred adjudication probation on the state jail felony charge of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$7,028. He was ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine.
- Matthew Rumney of Dallas County received five years deferred adjudication probation on the state jail felony charge of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$12,156 restitution.
- George E. Thomas of Dallas County received five years regular probation on the state jail felony charge of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$9,300 in restitution. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$500.
- Miguel Perez of Guadalupe County received one year regular probation on a Class A misdemeanor charge of fraudulently obtaining unemployment benefits and was ordered to pay \$6,925 restitution. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$200 and perform 80 hours of community service.
- Latoshia Broussard of Harris County received three years deferred adjudication probation on the charge of state jail felony theft and was ordered to make restitution of \$5,241 and perform 180 hours of community service.
- Wilber S. Civallero of Harris County received two years deferred adjudication probation on the charge of state jail felony theft and was ordered to make restitution of \$1,336. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$500 and perform 120 hours of community service.

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- Latrisha D. Dear of Harris County received five years deferred adjudication probation on the charge of state jail felony theft and was ordered to make restitution of \$11,004.
- Sherrice Fulton of Harris County received five years deferred adjudication probation on the charge of state jail felony theft and was ordered to make restitution of \$8,000 and perform 120 hours community service.
- Raul Rodriguez of Hidalgo County received one year deferred adjudication probation on the charge of Class A misdemeanor theft and was ordered to pay \$3,000 restitution.
- Richard Edgar Smart of Harris County received two years deferred adjudication probation on the charge of state jail felony theft and was ordered to make restitution of \$2,863 and to complete an approved anti-theft program.
- Israel Torres of Harris County was sentenced to four years regular probation for state jail felony theft and was ordered to make restitution of \$5,616. He was also ordered to write a letter of apology to TWC and complete an approved anti-theft program.
- Thomas A. King IV of Lubbock County made full restitution of \$8,200 and pled guilty to the charge of Class C misdemeanor theft. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$200.
- Marc Haynes of Montgomery County received five years regular probation for the state jail felony offense of fraudulently obtaining a government check and was ordered to pay \$4,396 restitution. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$500.

TWC's Program Integrity and Regulatory Enforcement divisions are charged with detecting and preventing fraud, waste and abuse. They enforce all regulatory statutes within the jurisdiction of the agency, including Tax, Workforce, Trade Act, Skills Development, Self-Sufficiency, Child Care and all other programs TWC administers. These divisions have made prevention, detection and elimination of fraud and abuse in the UI program a priority, ensuring that funds are available exclusively to those who meet the eligibility requirements.

TWC administers UI benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own and are actively seeking work. Through its Fraud Detection Department, located within the Program Integrity Division, TWC regularly cross-matches UI claims with employer wage reports and other databases to detect possible UI fraud. When TWC discovers that claimants have received UI benefits through fraudulent applications, the agency seeks immediate reimbursement of overpayments. Examples of UI fraud include giving false information and failure to report self-employment or other earnings while receiving UI benefits.

Once fraud is detected, criminal charges, including felony charges if supported by the facts, are pursued with the appropriate state district attorney offices. Conviction may result in incarceration and/or restitution, and may invoke additional charges for court costs and fines, and require community service.

For monthly updates on fraud convictions, see TWC's Web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/ui/bnfts/prosecutiondispo.html>.

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