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## **DES Office of Inspector General Announces Arrest for Unemployment Insurance Fraud** *Avondale Resident Librada Bernaldo Riley*

**PHOENIX** – Director Timothy Jeffries announced today the DES Office of Inspector General (OIG) arrested Ms. Librada Bernaldo Riley of Avondale, Arizona, after a warrant was issued in relation to a direct complaint filed on August 6, 2015, which alleges Ms. Riley was unlawfully obtaining Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to which she was not entitled.

“We are on a mission to detect, investigate and bring to justice all who seek to defraud the government and its taxpayers,” said Timothy Jeffries. “DES and our Office of Inspector General will continue to relentlessly enforce laws enacted to protect the integrity of DES programs and the clients who are legally entitled to receive services and benefits.”

The complaint states Ms. Riley failed to report income while receiving unemployment insurance benefits of \$4,000 or more. The direct complaint was filed with the Maricopa County Superior Court for 35 counts of False Statement, 1 count of Fraudulent Schemes and Practices and 1 count of Theft. The arrest warrant was issued to compel Ms. Riley to appear before the court.

“I fully concur with Director Jeffries and his unwavering stance on corruption against the State of Arizona,” said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. “The Office of Inspector General is tasked with the responsibility of safeguarding programs administered by DES. We take this responsibility very seriously, as citizens in all walks of life rely on us to protect the integrity of these programs.”

On July 5, 2016, the DES OIG Special Operations team arrested Ms. Riley without incident near her residence.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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