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DES Office of Inspector General Announces Arrest for Unemployment Insurance Fraud *Surprise Resident Patrick B. Morgan*

PHOENIX – Director Timothy Jeffries announced today the DES Office of Inspector General (OIG) arrested Mr. Patrick B. Morgan of Surprise, Arizona, after a warrant was issued in relation to a direct complaint filed on January 26, 2012, which alleges Mr. Morgan was unlawfully obtaining Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to which he was not entitled.

"This agency is fervently committed to justice and dedicated to the rule of law," said Director Timothy Jeffries. "It is our obligation to protect taxpayer funds, and I will continue to give my full support to our DES Office of Inspector General to vigorously pursue and bring to justice all individuals who commit fraud and steal from those in need."

The complaint states Mr. Morgan failed to report income while receiving unemployment insurance benefits of \$4,000 or more. The direct complaint was filed with the Maricopa Superior Court for 45 counts of False Statement, 1 count of Fraudulent Schemes and Practices, and 1 count of Theft. The arrest warrant was issued to compel Mr. Morgan to appear before the court.

"The Office of Inspector General will not relent in its mission to protect the integrity of DES programs and services," said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. "The OIG will continue its efforts to detect, investigate and assist in the prosecution of suspected fraud."

On August 11, 2016, the DES Office of Inspector General arrested Mr. Morgan without incident.

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

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