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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: February 4, 2025

Subject: Former Miami-Dade Corrections Officer Sentenced for COVID-19 Relief Fraud,
Ref. IG 24-0019-I

Daniel Fleureme, a former officer at the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department (MDCR) was sentenced today, in federal court in connection with his fraudulent application for a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act small business relief loan of approximately \$150,000. The case was investigated by the FBI's Miami Area Corruption Task Force, which includes investigators from the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General, and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Inspector General - Investigations Division Eastern Region.

Mr. Fleureme was prosecuted by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and pled guilty to one count of Wire Fraud, on October 31, 2024. He appeared today before U.S. District Judge Jose E. Martinez and was sentenced to three years of probation including eight months of home detention with electronic monitoring, 200 hours of community service, and a \$10,000 fine. Mr. Fleureme paid full restitution in the amount of \$149,900 prior to entering his plea of guilty.

The CARES Act, enacted in March 2020, provided emergency financial assistance to individuals and eligible small businesses, sole proprietorships, and independent contractors experiencing substantial financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the CARES Act, the SBA provided Mr. Fleureme with an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).

EIDLs provided necessary funds to small businesses during the pandemic until normal operations could be resumed. To obtain an EIDL, a qualifying for-profit business was required to submit an application to the SBA and provide information about its operations, such as the number of employees, gross revenues, and cost of goods sold for the 12-month period preceding January 31, 2020. Applicants were required to certify under penalty of perjury that all information in the EIDL loan application was true and correct. Applicants could submit the EIDL application via the SBA's on-line application website.

Mr. Fleureme, who was employed at MDCR from 1995 until his retirement in 2022, submitted a fraudulent EIDL application to the SBA claiming he was the owner of a sole proprietorship operating under the name “Daniel Fleureme.” Mr. Fleureme falsely claimed that for the 12-month period prior to January 31, 2020, he had gross revenues of approximately \$450,000 and three employees. As a result of the fraudulent application, he obtained from the SBA \$149,900 in EIDL loan proceeds.

Mr. Fleureme’s sole proprietorship business was not disclosed to his employer—MDCR—via a *Request to Engage in Outside Employment*. The only *Request to Engage in Outside Employment* filed by Mr. Fleureme was in 2010; a request to work for D&V Express Courier Service.

cc: James Reyes, Chief of Public Safety
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