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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
The Honorable Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: August 31, 2021

Subject: Former County Employee Criminally Charged for CARES Act Fraud; IG20-0014-I

Yesterday, August 30, 2021, Willie Curry, a former Network Manager 2 for the County's Water and Sewer Department, pled guilty to one count of wire fraud in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida related to his application for a CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act small business loan. The Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG), in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Investigations Division; the Miami-Dade Police Department; and other participating law enforcement agencies found that Mr. Curry had submitted to the SBA, via interstate wire communications, a fraudulent COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan application for his company, Will Curry Computers. Mr. Curry, in the loan application, stated that he was the 100% owner of the company, which operates as a sole proprietorship, and falsely certified that Will Curry Computers was established on January 1, 2015. He also falsely certified that for the 12-month period prior to January 31, 2020, Will Curry Computers had gross revenues of \$755,416 and had cost of goods sold totaling \$170,664.

The joint investigation determined that Mr. Curry established Will Curry Computers in 2020, and it had only minimal income and cost of goods sold during the 12-month period prior to January 31, 2020. Since 2002 until his resignation in June 2021, Mr. Curry was a full-time employee, receiving a full-time salary from Miami-Dade County.

As a result of this false and fraudulent application, the SBA disbursed a \$10,000 advance via Electronic Funds Transfer and later \$150,000 in loan proceeds intended for deposit in Mr. Curry's account at a financial institution. The funds were rejected by the financial institution and returned to the SBA. Mr. Curry is scheduled for sentencing on November 17, 2021.

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