



Memorandum



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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 12, 2026

Subject: Arrests Made in Connection with Scheme to Defraud Miami-Dade County's
Emergency Rental Assistance Program, Ref. IG23-0016-I

A joint investigation by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG), the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO), and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), resulted in the felony arrests of Eleanor Humphrey, Clareth Benjamin, and Cedric Campbell. Ms. Humphrey, Ms. Benjamin, and Mr. Campbell are alleged to have stolen of over \$100,000 from Miami-Dade County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

The County's ERAP, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), used federal funding to provide emergency rental assistance to Miami-Dade residents experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The County committed additional funds to expand the program in 2022. Funds awarded under the ERAP were to be used to pay rent and/or utilities. ERAP applicants were required to provide, among other documents and information, an attestation of household income and/or loss, the total of rental arrearages, photo identification, a copy of a lease agreement, and information identifying the landlord.

Ms. Humphrey was arrested on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, and is charged with one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud (Over \$50,000), in violation of Florida Statute 817.034, a first-degree felony, and one count of Grand Theft (Over \$20,000) in violation of Florida Statute 812.014, a second-degree felony. The charges stem from Ms. Humphrey's participation in three separate transactions where she either submitted false information and fraudulent documents to HCD or provided fraudulent documentation for

other individuals to submit in connection with their ERAP applications. Ms. Benjamin and Mr. Campbell surrendered today and have been charged with one count of Grand Theft (Over \$20,000) in violation of Florida Statute 812.014, a second-degree felony, for one transaction each.

The OIG appreciates the assistance of HCD and the OIG's law enforcement partners, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office and the SAO.

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