



Memorandum



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To: Nathan Kogon, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: August 31, 2026

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

Today, a joint investigation by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), resulted in the felony arrest of Stacey Clark, who is alleged to have stolen over \$34,000 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 things, an attestation of household income and/or loss, the total of rental arrearages, and photo identification.

Ms. Clark was charged with one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud (Over \$20,000), in violation of Florida Statute 817.034, a second-degree felony, and one count of Grand Theft (Over \$20,000) in violation of Florida Statute 812.014, a second-degree felony. The charges in Ms. Clark's case stem from her submission of false information and fraudulent documents to HCD purporting to be a renter over a year in arrears in connection with an ERAP application. A check in the amount of \$34,450 was made payable to the purported landlord identified by Ms. Clark.

The OIG appreciates the assistance of HCD, and its law enforcement partner, the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

cc: Honorable Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney
Honorable Tomas Regalado, Property Appraiser
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