



**MICHIGAN MAN SENTENCED FOR WIRE FRAUD AND MAKING  
FALSE STATEMENTS**

**Activity Date: August 3, 2022**

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**Case Number: IL-18-0404-O**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2022-332**

Earl Kendricks, Jr., a resident of Roseville, Michigan, was sentenced on August 3, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, to 30 months in prison and ordered to pay \$49,332 in restitution, of which \$870 is payable to Amtrak. On April 19, 2022, he pleaded guilty to wire fraud and making a false statement involving the acquisition of a firearm. Kendricks was sentenced to 30 months in prison for each charge, to be served concurrently. Our investigation found that Kendricks used stolen credit card information to purchase Amtrak tickets and then cancelled the tickets and received Amtrak vouchers, which he then sold on eBay for his own personal gain. The scheme caused the company to issue more than \$49,000 in fraudulent ticket vouchers. Our investigation also found that Kendricks made false statements to a licensed firearms dealer to purchase an assault rifle for Christian Newby, who was a wanted fugitive at the time, and a defendant in this investigation.