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Two Orangeburg County Residents Plead Guilty to Unemployment Insurance Fraud

The SC Department of Employment and Workforce's (DEW) Office of General Counsel announced that two Orangeburg County residents this week entered guilty pleas to unemployment insurance fraud.

Richard Boyd, 32, and Quintilla Haigler, 48, both of Orangeburg County, pleaded guilty to making a false statement or misrepresentation with the intent to defraud DEW.

Boyd and Haigler received unemployment benefits they were not entitled to by certifying to DEW that they were unemployed and not earning any wages. However, an investigation found they had been gainfully employed during that time period and knowingly failed to notify DEW of their wages.

Both Boyd and Haigler were sentenced to five years in prison, suspended upon serving five years' probation. Boyd was ordered to pay \$20,043 in restitution to DEW. Haigler was ordered to repay \$17,619. In addition to their probation sentences, Boyd and Haigler were each ordered to pay a \$1,500 civil penalty to the state.

The case was investigated by DEW and prosecuted by the S.C. Attorney General's Office.

To report suspected unemployment insurance fraud, call 1.800.868.1488. Callers can remain anonymous. To learn tips on how to help prevent unemployment fraud, visit dew.sc.gov/fraud.

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