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**Two S.C. residents enter guilty pleas for unemployment fraud**

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson and the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) announced two recent guilty pleas to unemployment insurance fraud.

The following individuals each pleaded guilty to one count of making a false statement or misrepresentation with the intent to defraud DEW, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail.

Raymond Whiteside, Jr., 44, of Spartanburg, received unemployment benefits between July 2012 and August 2012 based on his weekly certifications that he was totally unemployed and earning no wages. An investigation revealed that he had been gainfully employed during this time and intentionally falsified information about his employment in an effort to defraud the state.

Whiteside was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Janis Manning, 54, of Columbia, received unemployment benefits between October 2008 and July 2010 based on her weekly certifications that she was totally unemployed and earning no wages. An investigation revealed that she had been gainfully employed during this time and intentionally falsified information about his employment in an effort to defraud the state.

Manning was sentenced to 30 days in jail, which was suspended. She was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and ordered to repay DEW \$10,405.

The cases were investigated by DEW and prosecuted by the 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](http://dew.sc.gov/fraud).

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