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Monroe County District Attorney's Office Recovered over \$300,000 in Fraudulently Obtained Unemployment Benefits

Rochester, NY- Throughout 2017, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office recovered \$301,228 from individuals convicted of unemployment insurance fraud. Through the Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP), the attorneys of the Economic Crimes Bureau were able to ensure the return of these funds to the New York State Department of Labor.

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley created the Economics Crime Bureau in 2012 and tasked it with prosecuting cases of tax fraud, welfare fraud, insurance fraud and financial crimes committed against individuals and businesses in Monroe County. Over the past five years, the Economic Crimes Bureau has returned over \$1,600,000 to the New York State Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, establishing the Monroe County District Attorney's Office as one of the leading counties in New York State for restitution recovery.

"Insurance fraud is only a small aspect of our Economic Crime Bureau," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "The three Assistant District Attorneys in this bureau work diligently to prosecute a variety of financial crimes and I am very proud of their success with unemployment insurance fraud. I am delighted whenever my attorneys are able to recover taxpayer dollars and we will continue to work with law enforcement and the NYS Department of Labor to demonstrate our commitment to prosecuting fraud."

"We are proud of the collaborative relationships we have developed with the Department of Labor's Office of Special Investigations and the New York State Police," said Mark Monaghan, Chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau. "Restitution recovered in these cases enables the state to better assist members of our community that have lost their jobs and need financial support while pursuing new employment. We will continue to work hard for the people of the State of New York and the residents of the County of Monroe."