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Former FCC Yazoo City Correctional Officer Pleads Guilty to Workman's Compensation Fraud

Jackson, Miss - Dashun Larea Temple, 32, of Pearl, a former officer at the Federal Correctional Complex at Yazoo City, Mississippi, pled guilty in U.S. District Court on March 25 to Workman's Compensation Fraud, U.S. Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter announced today.

Temple, who had completed a "Notice of Injury and Claim" form alleging that he had sustained a back injury on the job while lifting boxes, submitted fraudulent medical travel refund requests to the Dept. of Labor Office of Worker's Compensation Programs. From December 2007 through August 2008, Temple claimed that he had traveled from his home in Pearl, Mississippi to a medical clinic in Woodville, Mississippi on 84 different occasions. The investigation revealed through the records of the clinic that Temple had only made 5 legitimate trips, thus leaving 79 trips as fraudulent. Temple received a total of \$11,595.76 for those 74 trips.

Temple will be sentenced on June 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. by U.S. District Judge Tom S. Lee. He faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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