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Concord, NH -- Attorney General John M. Formella and Department of Employment Security Commissioner George Copadis announce that Christopher Clark of Dover, New Hampshire, was indicted on March 18, 2022 in Strafford County Superior Court, on one count of unemployment compensation fraud, a class A felony.

The State alleges that between the weeks ending October 19, 2019 and November 23, 2019, Mr. Clark knowingly failed to disclose his employment and earnings to the Department of Employment Security in order to obtain or increase his unemployment compensation benefits, in that on 6 occasions he submitted a weekly continued claim form and answered "No" to the question: "Did you work or perform any services, including self-employment last week? Regardless of whether or not you have been paid for the work or services." As a result, Mr. Clark is alleged to have fraudulently received \$1,085.00 in unemployment compensation benefits.

The charges and allegations set forth in the indictment are merely accusations, and Mr. Clark is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Department of Employment Security provides unemployment compensation benefits to eligible claimants who are unemployed through no fault of their own. The Department investigates and prosecutes both criminal and civil unemployment compensation fraud with the goal of protecting New Hampshire's unemployment compensation trust fund.