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Concord, NH -- Attorney General John M. Formella and Department of Employment Security Commissioner George Copadis announce that Marsha Goulet, of or formerly of Yukon, Oklahoma, pleaded guilty and was sentenced on March 15, 2022, in Hillsborough County Superior Court - South, on one count of unemployment compensation fraud, a class A felony.

Between November 1, 2014 and December 27, 2014, Ms. Goulet knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings to the Department of Employment Security in order to obtain or increase her unemployment compensation benefits, in that on 9 occasions she 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, Ms. Goulet fraudulently received \$1,096.71 in unemployment benefits.

Ms. Goulet was sentenced to 12 months in the House of Corrections, all suspended for a period of 4 years, conditioned on good behavior, the payment of restitution and penalty totaling \$1,360.80, and the use of her likeness in the Department of Employment Security Benefits and Rights Interview, which discusses the ramifications of committing unemployment fraud. She is disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits for 52 weeks.

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.