

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPLAINT

County of
Palm Beach

CASE NUMBER:

PB-90-50109

DCF CASE NUMBER:

1307323707

NAME(S) Sarah Burstein

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. DOB June 8, 1990

RACE: White SEX: F HEIGHT: 5'6" WEIGHT: 190 lbs. HAIR: Black EYES: Brown

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1490 Goodwood Terrace, Wellington, Florida 33414

OTHER COMMENTS Florida Driver License Number: B623-780-90-708-0

Before me, personally appeared Vincent Esposito, Investigator, Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Public Assistance Fraud, who first being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has reason to believe that: Sarah Burstein, on various days between the 1st day of September 2016 and the 31st day of May 2018, in Palm Beach County, State of Florida, did knowingly, by means of a false statement, misrepresentation, impersonation, or other fraudulent means fail to disclose a material fact used in making a determination as to her qualification to receive aid or benefits under a state or federally funded assistance program; or did knowingly fail to disclose a change in circumstances in order to obtain or continue to receive aid or benefits under such a program in an amount larger than that to which she was entitled; or did knowingly aid and abet another person in the commission of any such act, contrary to the provisions of Section 414.39(1), Florida Statutes; specifically:

Records of the Florida Department of Children and Families (Department) reflect that on or about May 4, 2016, November 10, 2016, May 8, 2017 and November 13, 2017, during reviews of her eligibility to receive public assistance, Sarah Burstein:

- Reported that she was currently employed cleaning houses and that she had no other earned income from employment available to her household.
- Submitted letters reflecting her earnings from this self-employment income.
- Acknowledged that the reported information is true to the best of her knowledge and acknowledged her responsibility to report any changes in her household.

(Witness 1; Enclosures A through E-2)

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INVESTIGATION REVEALED SARAH BURSTEIN:

- Was in fact, additionally employed by Bedabox, LLC, located at 400 Hillsboro Technology Drive, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441, from September 2, 2016 through January 21, 2018.
- Received her first relevant paycheck on September 15, 2016 and her last relevant paycheck on January 31, 2018.
- Earned total gross wages of \$29,523.53, during the period of September 15, 2016 through January 31, 2018.
- Failed to report her gainful employment by Bedabox, LLC, to the Department, from September 2, 2016 through January 21, 2018.
- Made false statements during her November 10, 2016, May 8, 2017 and November 13, 2017, eligibility review processes.

INVESTIGATION FURTHER REVEALED SARAH BURSTEIN:

- Was, in fact, receiving Reemployment Assistance benefits, formerly known as unemployment compensation, from the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Received her first relevant payment on February 21, 2018 and her last relevant payment on May 16, 2018.
- Received total Reemployment Assistance benefits in the amount of \$2,772.00, during the period of February 21, 2018 through May 16, 2018.
- Failed to report this receipt of Reemployment Assistance benefits, to the Department, from February 21, 2018 through May 16, 2018.

(Witnesses 3 through 5; Enclosures F through H)

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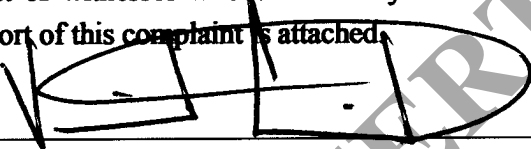
CONCLUSION:

Sarah Burstein, by means if false statements and/or omissions, failed to report her gainful employment by Bedabox, LLC, to the Florida Department of Children and Families, from September 2, 2016 through January 21, 2018 and failed to report her receipt of Reemployment Assistance benefits from February 21, 2018 through May 16, 2018.

As a result of her actions, Sarah Burstein received \$6,363.00 in Food Assistance Program benefits during the period of September 2016 through May 2018, to which she was not legally entitled. Sarah Burstein also received or caused the disbursement of \$2,116.12 in Medicaid Program benefits during the periods of September 2017 through January 2018 and March 2018 through May 2018, for an aggregate amount of \$8,479.12, to which she was not legally entitled.

(Witness 2; Enclosure I)

A list of witnesses who can identify Sarah Burstein and present testimony and documents in support of this complaint is attached.



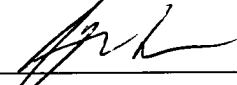
Signature Affiant/Complainant

State of Florida
County of Palm Beach

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 20th day of September, A.D. 2019 by
Vincent Esposito

(name of person(s) acknowledged)

who is /are personally known to me and did take an oath.

Signature  Type or Print Name Jose Rodriguez Del Rio
Title Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

