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U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon Announces Continued Work of the Government Fraud Task Force

PORTLAND, Ore.—United States Attorney Scott E. Bradford announced the continued work of the District of Oregon's Government Fraud Task Force, bringing together federal law enforcement agencies and inspectors general to strengthen efforts to identify, investigate, and prosecute fraud against government programs and American taxpayers.

The U.S. Attorney's Office hosted the task force's most recent meeting on Monday, October 5, attended by federal prosecutors and representatives from participating agencies. The meeting focused on expanding intelligence and data sharing, developing new methods for identifying fraud, prioritizing investigative leads, and ensuring law enforcement resources are directed toward significant fraud schemes.

"Fraud against government programs is theft from the American taxpayer, and we are committed to using every tool available to identify and prosecute those who exploit these programs for personal gain," said **U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford**. "By bringing our federal, state, and local partners together to share intelligence, prioritize the strongest cases, and strategically deploy investigative resources, we will more effectively detect fraud, hold offenders accountable, and protect taxpayer dollars."

The agencies joining the Government Fraud Task Force at the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon include:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- IRS Criminal Investigation
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Office of Inspector General's Medicaid Fraud Control Units
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- U.S. Social Security Administration

Key priorities of the Government Fraud Task Force include:

- **Expanding information and data sharing** among participating agencies to identify potential fraud schemes;
- **Cross-referencing government databases and benefit records** to identify suspicious activity and potentially ineligible or fraudulent recipients;
- **Prioritizing and ranking fraud leads and referrals** so investigative resources can be directed toward the strongest and most significant cases;
- **Deploying investigative resources strategically** to address fraud leads in areas where agencies may lack sufficient personnel;
- **Using data analytics and financial investigative tools** to identify unusual billing, benefit, grant, and contracting activity; and
- **Conducting annual reviews** to evaluate the task force's impact and identify opportunities to strengthen fraud enforcement.

The Government Fraud Task Force focuses on fraud affecting federal programs and taxpayer dollars, including health care fraud, government benefits fraud, Small Business Administration loan fraud, Social Security fraud, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program fraud, trade fraud, and student aid fraud.

Participating agencies are also working together to investigate suspicious financial activity, False Claims Act referrals, and government claims data; and identifying connections between government beneficiaries and other law enforcement and government records.

These efforts support the U.S. Department of Justice's nationwide initiative, and creation of the National Fraud Enforcement Division ("Fraud Division"), to enhance coordination among federal agencies and strengthen the government's ability to detect and prosecute fraud.



Federal prosecutors and representatives of federal law enforcement agencies in the Government Fraud Task Force attended the October 5, 2026, meeting at the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse in Portland.

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