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## Successes and Results

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- ★ More than **575 convictions**
- ★ More than **\$6.54 billion in monetary orders** (penalties, forfeiture, restitution ordered)

## Recent Case Highlights

Press releases on the outcomes of investigations in conjunction with the Department of Justice and other prosecutors and law enforcement partners are available at [fdicoig.gov](https://fdicoig.gov).

### ★ **Bank Fraud and Making False Statements in Bank Records**

#### **Result:**

Former Bank Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of now-defunct financial institution sentenced to more than 14 years in prison and ordered to pay restitution of over \$214 million to the FDIC. Former counsel sentenced to 4 years in prison.

### ★ **Pandemic-Related Fraud Scheme**

#### **Result:**

A now bankrupt small business lending firm agreed to pay up to \$120 million to resolve allegations that it defrauded the Paycheck Protection Program by knowingly submitting false claims for loan forgiveness, loan guarantees, and processing fees to the Small Business Administration.

### ★ **Pig Butchering Scheme**

#### **Result:**

Former Bank President and CEO sentenced to 293 months in prison for embezzling \$47.1 million of the bank's funds that were ultimately lost in a cryptocurrency romance scheme called "pig butchering." The bank failed, causing a loss of \$54.2 million to the Deposit Insurance Fund.

### ★ **Investment Fraud Ponzi Scheme**

#### **Result:**

Operator of a Florida company sentenced to 288 months in prison for wire fraud and money laundering. He purported to invest victims' funds in retail foreign currency contracts with promises of no loss to his investors. He received more than \$57 million from over 1,000 victims, using funds from one investor to pay amounts owed to another and spent millions for his own personal expenses.

## Who We Are

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) supervises the majority of the banks in the United States (nearly 2,900); maintains the Deposit Insurance Fund of more than \$130 billion; and insures customer deposits of more than \$10.6 trillion.

**The FDIC Office of Inspector General (OIG)** provides strong independent oversight to help preserve the integrity of the banking system.

The OIG's Office of Investigations investigates complex and sophisticated crimes against banks. Perpetrators may be executives, insiders, customers, and other financial professionals. Crimes include bank fraud, money laundering, embezzlement, cybercrime, and currency manipulation.

## Office of Inspector General - Office of Investigations

The FDIC OIG has **broad jurisdiction** to investigate crimes involving FDIC-regulated and insured banks and FDIC activities.

- ★ OIG Special Agents provide nationwide coverage, with Special Agents located at our Headquarters and Field Offices around the country.
- ★ OIG Special Agents are fully-authorized Federal Agents (1811s), with most having served for over 10 years at the FDIC OIG or other Federal law enforcement agencies

## Specialized Expertise

- ★ **Financial Crimes and Fraud Investigations:** Staff trained in accounting and auditing; experienced in reviewing bank records, financial statements, and tracing funds.
- ★ **Cyber Crimes:** An Electronic Crimes Unit (ECU) that investigates significant cyber threats and cases at banks, including ransomware, hacking, and virtual currency crimes.
- ★ **Cyber Crime Attacks:** At banks and against customers due to the reliance on virtual and online services.

## Cases Resulting from COVID-19 Pandemic

- ★ Filing fraudulent bank loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (a nearly \$800 billion Government-guaranteed loan program).