

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
INVESTIGATIONS



INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



November 2017

In November 2017, a [federal jury convicted a former Government contractor](#) for his role in a contract kickback scheme that caused a loss of more than \$3.4 million to the Department. OIG special agents determined the contractor conspired with others to inflate the lease of real property for use on a Department contract. The contractor facilitated kickback payments directly to other contractors, who were sentenced in 2017. Sentencing is scheduled for February 2018.

In November 2017, [a former Department employee pleaded guilty](#) to a conspiracy to commit theft of government property and wire fraud. OIG and FBI special agents determined the employee conspired with others to misappropriate and resell Department vehicles, totaling at least \$512,420 in value, for personal profit. A February 2017 report, [Audit of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Administration of the Armored Vehicle Program](#), described a lack of internal controls in the Department's vehicle program that made it possible for the employee to misappropriate vehicles in the first place. Pursuant to the plea agreement, the former employee will pay \$416,020 in restitution and an additional \$53,000 in a forfeiture judgment. Sentencing is scheduled for February 2018.