



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

2024-0008-INVI-P – Allegations of Misuse of Information Technology Equipment and Standards of Conduct by a Senior Rated (SR) Employee and a Subordinate Employee

SR Employee: Suspected Violations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) “Standards of Conduct” and “IT Resources and De Minimis Use” Policies; and the ITD Rules of Behavior. **Not Substantiated**

Employee 1: Suspected Violations of the AOC “Standards of Conduct” and “IT Resources and De Minimis Use” Policies; and the ITD Rules of Behavior. **Not Substantiated**

The AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) hotline received a complaint on December 15, 2023, alleging that multiple employees disseminated a sexually explicit video involving two males who had been recorded on an AOC mobile device in violation of AOC policy.

The OIG investigation revealed that on December 13, 2023, Employee 1 had been waiting with a co-worker (Employee 2) to reconfigure the furniture in a room of a Congressional office building. The two employees entered the room believing it was vacant and found two males engaged in a sexual act on a desk. Employee 1 immediately called the Jurisdiction office to report the incident and then used their AOC mobile device to record the individuals putting on their clothes with hopes that the video could later be used to identify the individuals. The OIG reviewed the video footage on Employee 1’s AOC mobile device and determined the recording did not contain graphic or sexually explicit material. The video displayed a view, looking down from what appeared to be a balcony, of a male putting on his shirt. It was recorded at a distance and angle that made it difficult to identify either party.

Following the incident, Employee 1 was interviewed by law enforcement. At the officers’ request, Employee 1 forwarded the recording to two law enforcement officers for evidentiary purposes. Employee 1 also later provided the recording to the SR Employee for appropriate follow-up on the incident. Testimonial evidence provided by the SR Employee revealed they provided the video to a Congressional Oversight Committee, at their request, as well as to the AOC’s Human Capital Management Division for follow up, as deemed appropriate.

The OIG conducted thorough reviews of both Employee 1 and the SR Employee’s AOC mobile devices and found no evidence contradictory to their statements. The video recording did not contain any graphic or sexually explicit material, was not distributed outside of official business and was not deemed to be a violation of AOC policy.

Final Management Action: The case is closed.