

Summary: DOI Employee Violated Department Policy and Ethics Standards by Accessing Secure Database

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We investigated allegations that a Personnel Security Specialist in the Office of Law Enforcement and Security, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), exceeded their authority by accessing records they were not authorized to access within a secure U.S. Government database. We substantiated the allegations.

We found that the employee used their role as a Personnel Security Specialist to access the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency's Central Verification System (CVS) to view the records of a former DOI employee with whom they had a personal relationship. The employee's access of these records violated DOI policy, their CVS user agreement, and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.

This is a summary of a report we issued to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Safety, Resource Protection and Emergency Services.

