

Summary: Former FWS Employee Misused Government Travel Credit Card for Personal Expenses

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We investigated allegations that a former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) employee made unauthorized transactions with their Government travel credit card while employed by the Government.

We substantiated that, from July 2019 to November 2020, the employee stole \$37,871.57 from the FWS when they used their Government travel credit card to make a series of unauthorized purchases. We found that they used their card for personal lodging, rental cars, gasoline, and tolls.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas prosecuted this case. On May 15, 2023, the employee pleaded guilty to one felony count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 641, Theft of Government Funds. On October 10, 2023, the employee was sentenced to 3 years of probation and ordered to pay \$37,871.57 in restitution.

