



Inspector General

2025-0015-INVI-P — Time and Attendance Fraud

Suspected Violations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) “Standards of Conduct” and “Time and Attendance” Policies. **Substantiated**

On May 21, 2025, the AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that claimed Employee 1 committed time and attendance fraud by leaving the Capitol campus early and having Employee 2 clock them out at the conclusion of their shift.

The OIG’s investigation confirmed through documentary and testimonial evidence that Employee 1 left the Capitol complex on multiple occasions during their scheduled shift and used their SmarTrip¹ card to access the Washington, D.C., Metro system. When presented with evidence, both Employee 1 and Employee 2 admitted to the alleged actions.

The OIG’s investigation determined that both employees’ actions constituted violations of AOC policy. The OIG presented its findings of false claims and theft of public money to the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Washington, D.C., which declined to prosecute due to the availability of administrative remedies.

Final Management Action: The OIG substantiated that the individuals violated AOC policy and the administrative violations were submitted to the Architect of the Capitol for action deemed appropriate, if any. The case is closed, and management action is pending.

¹ <https://www.wmata.com/fares/smartrip/>