



Inspector General

2024-0023-INV1-P — TIME AND ATTENDANCE FRAUD

AOC EMPLOYEE: Suspected Violations of the AOC “Standards of Conduct” and “Time and Attendance” Policies. Substantiated

On July 10, 2024, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint from AOC management alleging an AOC employee left Capitol grounds during their scheduled shift and returned after the completion of their tour of duty to clock out. A subsequent review by the OIG of the employee's time and attendance records confirmed the employee clocked out after their scheduled shift on more than one occasion.

The OIG conducted multiple interviews and obtained multiple instances of video surveillance, all of which corroborated the initial claims. During their interview with the OIG, the employee ultimately admitted to leaving their work area during their shift, claiming they had little work to complete after 6 p.m.

Based on the investigative findings, the OIG determined that the employee violated both the AOC Standards of Conduct and the Time and Attendance policies. The OIG referred the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) in Washington, D.C. for potential prosecution. The USAO declined to pursue the case citing the availability of administrative remedies, prosecutorial discretion, and competing priorities.

Final Management Action:

The OIG substantiated the administrative violations against the employee, and the OIG's Report of Investigation was submitted to AOC management for action deemed appropriate. On January 14, 2026, the AOC advised the OIG that they were pursuing termination of the employee.