



# Inspector General

## 2025-0009-INV1-P — Misuse of Government-Issued Mobile Device for Inappropriate Communications

### **Suspected Violations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) “Standards of Conduct” and “AOC IT Resources and De Minimis Use” Policies; and the “IT System Rules of Behavior. Substantiated**

The Office of Inspector General investigated a self-reported matter involving the misuse of a government-issued mobile device by an AOC employee. The employee admitted to using the device to download and operate an unauthorized messaging application and to engage in inappropriate communications and activity, both on and off duty.

A forensic examination of the government-issued device identified extensive stored images and videos depicting sexually explicit content, including material created while the employee was on duty and in official uniform. The examination also revealed the internet browsing history and cached data reflected repeated access to sexually explicit websites, as well as use of the unauthorized messaging application for inappropriate communications.

The employee acknowledged the conduct during interviews and confirmed prior awareness of the applicable information technology rules governing acceptable use of government-issued devices.

The investigation did not identify evidence of criminal violations. The findings were administrative in nature and have been referred to management for appropriate action.

**Final Management Action:** The OIG’s Report of Investigation was submitted to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. The case is closed pending management action.