



Inspector General

2025-0002-INVI-P — Misuse of Government Equipment

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**

While reviewing agency email in support of a separate, AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG) matter, the OIG discovered that an AOC supervisor had emailed five sexually explicit adult pornographic videos from their AOC owned e-mail account to the same account on February 4, 2006. The OIG initiated an investigation to review the supervisor’s more recent use of AOC-issued Information Technology (IT) assets.

Digital forensic analysis identified 121 questionable images within internet browser caches and multiple social media applications installed on the supervisor’s AOC-issued mobile device. One adult pornographic video file was saved locally on the mobile device.

Documentary evidence obtained by the OIG showed that the employee had previously signed the AOC’s IT System Rules of Behavior and was aware of appropriate use of IT resources.

Although historical AOC email-use policies from 2006 may also apply, the Report of Investigation (ROI) cited only violations of current AOC policy because the forensic examination identified recent explicit and inappropriate material.

Final Management Action:

The OIG substantiated that the supervisor’s actions violated AOC policy, and the ROI was submitted to the Architect of the Capitol for action deemed appropriate, if any. On January 29, 2026, the OIG was notified that the AOC imposed a 10-workday suspension on the supervisor. The case is closed.