



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.

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.

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: OIG’s Report of Investigation was submitted to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. On May 21, 2026, OIG was notified that Employee 1 was removed from their position on May 1, 2026, and Employee 2 retired on February 28, 2026, prior to any disciplinary action. The case is closed.

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