

SEC OIG INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY



Suspect arrested for SEC regional office burglary during lapse in appropriations and corresponding government shutdown.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated the theft of four SEC laptop computers from one of the SEC's regional offices.

The OIG found that on October 6, 2025, during the lapse in Federal appropriations and corresponding government shutdown, an individual entered the office building in which the SEC regional office is located, after a contracted building security officer permitted him access through a locked exterior door. The individual proceeded past the security officer without being impeded or stopped, entered an elevator, and made his way to the SEC regional office's floor. The individual bypassed a locked external door, entered the SEC office space, and stole four laptop computers valued at \$5,092, a Bluetooth earpiece, and a rolling briefcase.

The OIG found that the contract security force failed to follow its own policies when one of its officers failed to stop, identify, and sign-in the suspect individual when he entered the building after hours. Furthermore, the security officer permitted the suspect's unescorted access to the building and its elevators, all of which directly contravened the building security policies and procedures.

The OIG worked closely with local law enforcement to identify the suspect and issue a warrant for the individual's arrest. On December 7, 2025, a local police department arrested the individual suspected of the burglary, incident to a traffic stop, on the outstanding arrest warrant. The suspect is currently being held in a corrections center awaiting trial on multiple burglary charges, including the SEC regional office burglary. The stolen property was not recovered.

