

I-2017-03 – Time and Attendance (T&A) Fraud and Failing to Cooperate in an OIG Investigation: Substantiated

The OIG initiated an investigation based on allegations of T&A fraud. There were several instances when an AOC supervisor could not locate a subordinate AOC employee and suspected the employee was leaving the work area. AOC management conducted a sample analysis using the employee's issued mobile phone records and compared them with his T&A records and identified where mobile phone calls were either received or made from various locations in Maryland and Virginia. Based on their findings AOC management requested the OIG's assistance to determine if the employee falsely reported his T&A.

This investigation substantiated that the employee departed Capitol Hill during his tour of duty for hours at a time and in some instances did not return to finish his shift. The employee submitted, or caused submission of, erroneous time logs or other documentation when he certified and signed his WebTA timesheets, claiming his time was recorded accurately. It was determined that the employee committed T&A fraud by claiming up to 108 hours not worked. Based on the false information, the AOC employee certified timesheets as accurate, which caused the government to overpay for hours unworked at the rate of \$22.21 an hour, totaling up to \$2,398.68. Further, the employee was contacted by AOC management and instructed to coordinate with the OIG to arrange an interview, but the employee did not respond to management or contact the OIG as directed.

Final Management Action: The subject's employment was terminated effective November 9, 2017.