

I-2017-04 – Time and Attendance (T&A) Fraud: 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 he was leaving his work area. AOC management conducted a sample analysis using the AOC 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. Based on their findings AOC management requested the OIG's assistance to determine if the AOC employee falsely reported his T&A.

This investigation substantiated that the AOC employee submitted, or caused submission of, erroneous time logs or other government documentation when the employee certified and signed WebTA timesheets claiming his time was recorded accurately. The AOC employee admitted to leaving Capitol Hill during his tour of duty, being gone for approximately three to five hours at a time and in some instances not returning to finish his shift. We determined the AOC employee committed T&A fraud by claiming up to 225 hours not worked. Based on the false information, the AOC employee certified timesheets as accurate, which caused the government to overpay the employee for hours unworked at the rate of \$23.56 an hour, totaling up to \$5,301.00.

Final Management Action: A confidential Memorandum of Agreement and Release was signed on February 28, 2017 allowing the employee to resign for personal reasons, with an effective date of March 2, 2017.