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I-2017-06 – Violation of the De Minimis Use Policy; Use of Electronic Mail and Internet to Participate in Chat Rooms during Duty: Substantiated

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation based on information that a third shift employee allegedly used an Architect of the Capitol (AOC) computer during duty hours to host a Facebook radio show and participate in internet chat rooms.

This investigation substantiated that the AOC employee violated AOC policy when they used AOC Information Technology assets (internet and cellular phone) numerous times during duty hours to participate in live chats with Facebook friends and on a live radio show.

Final Management Action: The AOC employee was originally issued a suspension letter for five (5) days, an appeal to the deciding official resulted in reduction of suspension from 5 days to three (3) days. Additionally, the subject was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$149.52 as was identified as a loss to the AOC in the AOC IG report.