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**2021-0004-INVI-P (1st Supplemental) – Suspected Violations of the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) “Standards of Conduct,” “Accountability IT Property” and “Authority and Responsibilities of the Office of Inspector General and Cooperation of AOC Employees” Policies; the “Personal Property Manual,” the “Information Technology Division Rules of Behavior” and “Title 18, United States Code §1001 – Statements or Entries Generally”:
Substantiated**

On March 1, 2021, the AOC Office of Inspector General (OIG), published a report (AOC OIG 2021-0004-INVI-P) citing an employee with violations of AOC Order 752-2, Standards of Conduct, April 25, 2014; AOC Order 8-5, AOC IT Resources and De Minimis Use, February 20, 2018 and the AOC Information Technology Division (ITD) Rules of Behavior. The employee engaged in conduct that brought discredit upon the agency, the Congress and the federal government when they utilized their AOC issued e-mail and mobile device to transmit sexually explicit material. In addition, they engaged in criminal activity on multiple occasions, failed to disclose multiple arrests to their supervisor and did not appear for scheduled court dates. The employee received a 15 work day suspension for their conduct, with the understanding that they would be subject to termination for any future misconduct until July 19, 2022.

In June of 2021, the ITD requested assistance from our office because the same employee (who had a history of requesting replacement iPhones) submitted a request for a replacement iPhone. The iPhone they claimed to have lost was the same iPhone they told their supervisor they lost approximately four months earlier during our initial investigation.

Documentary evidence obtained for this supplemental investigation confirmed that the AOC iPhone issued to the employee was utilized for a total of 1,231 incoming and outgoing voice calls from January 21, 2021 through May 31, 2021, the period of time after they told their supervisor the iPhone was missing. Additionally, call records confirmed there were multiple calls to the employee’s significant other and sibling. In addition to the voice calls, the AOC iPhone was utilized to send and receive 8,938 text, picture and video messages from the time they reported it missing until May 31, 2021.

In an interview with the OIG, the employee consistently denied knowing the location of the AOC iPhone or using it to call their significant other or sibling after reporting it missing. The employee admitted to damaging multiple AOC issued iPhones in the past as well as providing family and friends the passwords to their AOC issued iPhones.

This supplemental investigation revealed that the employee has been issued, at a minimum, four AOC iPhones since 2019, totaling approximately \$2,800.00.



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Additionally, since the distribution of AOC OIG 2021-0004-INVI-P, the employee was arrested in Berkley, WV, for Domestic Battery and Obstruction of a Law Enforcement Officer.

Final Management Action: The OIG substantiated that the AOC employee again violated AOC policies by being untruthful to both their supervisor and the OIG, not disclosing an additional arrest to their supervisor, not properly safeguarding their AOC issued iPhones and passwords or taking seriously their obligation to care for and handle government furnished property responsibly.

The administrative violations were submitted to the jurisdiction for action deemed appropriate, if any. The criminal violations will be referred to the Department of Justice for prosecutorial consideration. The case is closed and management action is pending.