

Summary: Theft at San Juan National Historic Site

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The OIG investigated allegations related to missing National Park Service (NPS) equipment, including power tools, at the San Juan National Historic Site. We also investigated the circumstances surrounding a Polaris all-terrain vehicle that went missing from the park.

We substantiated the allegation and recovered the stolen vehicle. During interviews, David Luis Rey Delgado (Rey) and David Santiago Delgado (Delgado) made conflicting statements about how they obtained the Polaris, and we concluded that they concealed information related to the theft of the vehicle. We were unable to determine how the vehicle was removed from the park.

Separately, during our investigation, we determined that José Daniel Gómez unlawfully converted NPS property to personal use. We also concluded that he made false statements to the NPS on forms he submitted, stating that he destroyed the property when, in fact, he had kept these items. He similarly made false statements during interviews with OIG agents and NPS law enforcement to the same effect.

Rey, Gómez, and Delgado each pleaded guilty in the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico to one count of making false statements. The three defendants were each sentenced to 36 months of probation, 200 hours of community service, and a special assessment fee of \$100.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the NPS Director.

