

Summary: Investigation of Alleged Misuse of Government Credit Card

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OIG investigated an allegation that a former special assistant assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Interior improperly charged \$1,107.66 on her U.S. Government credit card for personal taxi charges while she worked at the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

Our investigation revealed that between 2013 and 2015, the special assistant violated DOI policy by charging a total of \$1,107.66 to her Government credit card to pay for personal taxi rides that were not associated with Government travel or business. According to the Interim DOI Integrated Charge Card Program Policy Manual, dated November 24, 2008, cardholders are responsible for ensuring they use their charge cards “only for official authorized purposes” and “only in conjunction with official Government travel.”

The special assistant resigned from DOI before we closed our investigation, and we learned that she repaid the taxi charges in full before she left. We provided this report to DOI for information only.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on April 7, 2016.

