

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
INVESTIGATIONS



INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



**December 2019**

In December 2019, the CEO of a company that provided protective equipment to the U.S. Government was arrested and [charged with wire fraud](#) as a result of an investigation by special agents from OIG and several other federal agencies. The contractor allegedly falsely certified that ballistic vests, helmets, riot gear, and other items sold to the federal government were from designated countries, specifically, Hong Kong and the United States. The arrest affidavit alleges that the CEO knew the items were manufactured and bought from China in violation of the Trade Agreements Act. From September 2015 to July 2019, the U.S. Navy and U.S. Department of State were two of at least five federal agencies that placed a total of nine orders with the company for ballistic vests, helmets, or riot gear, valued at approximately \$639,921.