

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



INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



May 2019

In May 2019, an employee of a Department grantee was ordered to pay \$23,000 in restitution and sentenced to probation and 50 hours of community service after entering a pre-trial diversion program through the State of New Jersey's Office of the Attorney General. OIG special agents determined that the employee altered scholarship grantee payment information in a grant program database from October 2017 to April 2018. She then had payment checks mailed to herself, forged the grantees' names, and endorsed the checks to herself.

In May 2019, a Department purchasing agent and a vendor, as well as his company, were debarred by the Department for 3 years after a joint OIG and Bureau of Diplomatic Security investigation determined that the purchasing agent accepted gifts from the vendor on multiple occasions in 2016 and 2017. In addition, special agents determined the vendor submitted a fictitious company procurement bid to improve his company's odds of winning another government contract.