

# **Summary: Investigation of Credential Loss by a Supervisory Special Agent**

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OIG investigated the circumstances surrounding the loss of law enforcement badge and credentials issued to a supervisory special agent (SSA) with a Department of the Interior bureau.

We found that the SSA forgot where she had placed her credentials and reported them as lost in May 2014. Several months later, a Government contractor whom she worked with previously on an information technology project, found her badge and credentials in a bag of equipment she had turned in to him. The contractor contacted the SSA to arrange a return, but she made little effort to recover the badge and credentials and failed to notify her supervisors that she had knowledge of their whereabouts. Ultimately, security employees at a Government facility found the badge in the contractor's bag during a security screening. The security employees then confiscated the badge and credentials from the contractor and turned them over to OIG.

We provided a copy of this report to the SSA's bureau and the Office of Law Enforcement and Security for any action deemed appropriate. The bureau informed us that the SSA received a letter of reprimand.

*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 January 27, 2016.*

