

# **Summary: Investigation of the misuse of a Government credit card and theft of Government property at Gateway National Recreational Area**

**Report Date: December 1, 2015**

OIG investigated allegations that a National Park Service (NPS) maintenance employee at the Gateway National Recreational Area in New York and New Jersey purchased a residential water heater using a Government credit card and subsequently installed the heater in the personal residence of his supervisor.

We confirmed that the maintenance employee used his Government credit card to purchase a water heater for \$430 through a local vendor, claiming that the water heater would be used in a Government facility. The maintenance employee, however, installed the water heater in the personal residence of his supervisor, who admitted his knowledge of the scheme. When we interviewed the supervisor, we confirmed that the water heater in his home was in fact the heater purchased with the maintenance employee's Government credit card.

The Queens District Attorney for Queens County, NY, declined to prosecute this case. We provided our investigation to NPS for review and action.

*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.*

