

Summary: Investigation of NPS Superintendent

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OIG investigated allegations that a National Park Service (NPS) superintendent improperly hired someone with whom she had a personal relationship and co-owned property to a 1-year term appointment.

We substantiated the allegation that the superintendent selected her roommate (with whom she shared a two-bedroom apartment) to fill a 1-year term position as a seasonal law enforcement training program manager. We found no evidence, however, to support the allegations that there was a personal relationship or that they own property together.

During our investigation, we determined that 2 months after NPS hired the roommate, a human resources officer and specialist realized that NPS hired the roommate without fulfilling the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) requirements. To correct this error, NPS posted the position on USAJOBS for Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP) and ICTAP candidates. Six applicants responded to the announcement but were not eligible under the requirements and were not considered for the position.

We provided this report to NPS, which in response stated that no impropriety had occurred and that its human resources division had corrected the hiring error.

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 October 28, 2015.

