

Summary: Allegations of Theft of Tribal Funds Unsubstantiated

Report Date: December 15, 2017

The OIG investigated allegations that a former official of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Pleasant Point, ME, stole \$30,500 by paying himself to complete management projects, by using tribal funds to pay for personal legal fees, and by selling personal property to the tribe.

We did not substantiate the allegations against the former tribal official and we found that no Federal funds were used in any of the transactions. We found that the official used tribal funds for legitimate tribal matters and there was no evidence that tribal funds were used to pay the personal legal fees of the official. We confirmed that the official sold personally owned property to the tribe, but that those sales did not violate Tribal or Federal law.

This is a summary of the report we provided to the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for any action deemed appropriate.

