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



INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARIES



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In October 2018, a former Department employee pleaded guilty to submission of false claims. OIG special agents determined that the former employee submitted false claims that may have exceeded \$100,000 while assigned to a U.S. embassy overseas. As part of the scheme, the former employee submitted forged receipts for expenses related to official travel in the United States and abroad.

In October 2018, a former Department employee was sentenced to 26 years in Federal prison for production of child pornography. OIG and FBI special agents, working with several law enforcement partners, determined that the employee conspired to produce more than 1,000 sexually explicit images and videos of minor children in Canada during a 2-year period. In July 2018, the former employee pleaded guilty to conspiring to produce child pornography and producing child pornography.

In October 2018, a former Department employee pleaded guilty to wire fraud in connection with a scheme where he fraudulently applied for over \$200,000 in student aid relief. The former employee applied through the Department of Education for a total and permanent disability discharge of student loan debt, affirming that he was disabled and unable to work. OIG special agents determined, however, that during the period from May 2013 through October 2016, he earned over \$331,000 from his two full-time jobs. Sentencing is scheduled for January 2019.

In October 2018, a senior Department employee was issued a letter of admonishment for failing to adhere to a post's official government vehicle use policy. OIG special agents determined the employee used a government vehicle more than 40 times to conduct personal business without filling out the required "daily vehicle use record."