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2019-0006-INVI-P – Misuse of Government Networks to View Sexually Explicit or Obscene Material by an Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Employee: Substantiated

On September 25, 2018, the Library of Congress Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated a proactive effort to identify web browsing activity potentially associated with sexually explicit or obscene material on both the Library of Congress government network and guest Wi-Fi networks.

On October 11, 2018, web traffic potentially associated with sexually explicit or obscene material was detected on the Library of Congress guest Wi-Fi network from an internet protocol address associated with a personal mobile phone. The personal mobile phone accessed the Library of Congress guest Wi-Fi network several times generating alerts associated with internet browsing of suspected sexually explicit or obscene material. The activity prompted a joint investigation with Library of Congress OIG, Architect of the Capitol OIG, U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) and the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington D.C.

The AOC employee agreed to a voluntary interview and admitted to the USCP that they had used their personal mobile phone to access the Library of Congress' guest Wi-Fi network to view sexually explicit material while on duty at the AOC. In addition, the AOC employee's personal conduct and use of the Library of Congress' government Wi-Fi networks to view sexually explicit or obscene material violated AOC Orders and policy.

Final Management Action: On December 6, 2019, the AOC employee was removed from employment with the AOC. This administrative investigation is closed.