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THEFT OF COPPER CABLE
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CASE OIG-I-2016-501

In June 2015, the OIG was informed that two Amtrak electricians had stolen 50 feet of copper electrical cable worth \$2,000 from a limited access railroad track area under the Chicago Union Station without authorization. An ongoing OIG investigation has identified that the actual amount of stolen cable is over 4 tons and valued at more than \$10,000. The investigation resulted in the termination of both employees from Amtrak. Additionally, both employees were indicted on September 29, 2015 and charged with one count of felony theft and one count of felony forgery by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. The defendants were arraigned on October 13, 2015 and are scheduled to appear in court in November 2015. The OIG investigated this matter with the Amtrak Police Department.