

# **Summary: FWS Administrative Assistant Misused Government Purchase Card**

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The OIG investigated allegations that a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) administrative assistant made numerous personal purchases using a Government purchase card from 2016 to 2018.

Our investigation found that during that 2-year period the employee made 27 personal purchases totaling \$7,454.88 using the employee's Government-issued purchase card. We also determined that the employee lied during our investigation when the employee claimed some charges were for office supplies. We later established those purchases were for personal food and alcohol.

The employee pleaded guilty to felony theft under a deferred judgment and was sentenced to 2 years supervised release. The employee also agreed to pay \$7,454.88 in restitution and resigned from the FWS.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the FWS Director.

