

Summary: Former NPS Employee Committed Time and Attendance Fraud

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The OIG investigated allegations that a former National Park Service (NPS) employee violated a telework agreement and committed payroll fraud against the NPS. The employee was granted a pandemic-related full-time telework agreement with a residence in State 1 as the duty station. The NPS was alerted by State 2 that the employee was living in and working as a full-time employee for State 2.

We substantiated the allegations and confirmed that for the month in question, the employee lived and worked full time in State 2 while claiming to the NPS that the employee teleworked from a residence in State 1. We determined through employment records that the NPS employee claimed to have worked more than 200 hours for the NPS while instead working for State 2, resulting in an estimated loss of more than \$4,000 to the NPS, not including contributions or fringe benefits.

The employee resigned from the NPS and declined our interview request. The U.S. Attorney's Office declined to criminally prosecute the matter. We provided this report to the NPS Director to support administrative efforts—whether through an official bill for collection or another process deemed appropriate—to collect wages and any other benefits the employee was not entitled to receive.

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

