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U.S. General Services Administration  
Office of Inspector General

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April 30, 2020

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (OIG Tracking Number 20-027)

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 31, 2020, to the General Services Administration Office of Inspector General (GSA OIG), FOIA Office, for:

"A copy of the final report, report of investigation, and closing memo for each of the following GSA OIG investigations closed during 2019: I1700001, I18300088, Z19400007, C19H00034, Z19200037, I19H00034, Z19200067, I19800079, H19H00120, I19200119."

Upon review of the responsive material, I determined you are entitled to portions of the requested material under the FOIA. The bases for any redacted information are Exemptions 6, 7C, and 7F of the FOIA.

Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), **requires** withholding of information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Similarly, Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), **requires** withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, where disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Exemption 7(F) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F), protects from disclosure information that could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.

Additionally, file numbers I1700001 and C19H00034 contained no documents responsive to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirement of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirement of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that this office provides to all our requesters. You should not take it as an indication that excluded records do, or do not exist.

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraph(s) with the aforementioned FOIA exemptions, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA

request. You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. The appeal must be in writing, include the GSA OIG FOIA Case Number (20-027), and contain a statement of reasons for the appeal. In addition, please enclose copies of the initial request and the responsive documents under appeal. The envelope and letter should be clearly marked as a "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" and addressed as follows:


Freedom of Information Act Officer  
Office of the Inspector General, General Services Administration  
1800 F Street, NW, Room 5332  
Washington, D.C. 20405

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Christopher Pehrson, GSA OIG's FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 501-1932 or via email at [oigfoia-privacyact@gsaig.gov](mailto:oigfoia-privacyact@gsaig.gov).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Edward J. Martin  
Counsel to the Inspector General  
(FOIA Officer)

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**U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**Office of Inspector General**

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February 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE FILE

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

SPECIAL AGENT-IN-CHARGE (JI-W, JI-3)  
MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS  
OFFICE (JI-3)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

SUBJECT:

**CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

WPA Federal Art Project "The Dance" by Harry Sternberg

File Number: I18300088

This memorandum serves to close I18300088, WPA "The Dance" by Harry Sternberg. No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

On July 31, 2018, the U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, Mid-Atlantic Regional Investigations Office (JI-3), received a referral from the GSA OIG, Greater Southwest Regional Investigations Office (JI-7), that a potential Works Progress Administration (WPA), Federal Art Project titled "The Dance" by Harry Sternberg, circa 1936, was up for auction at Freeman's Auction House.

JI-3 agents contacted Freeman's Auction House and determined that they were in possession of the artwork and requested detailed photographs of the subject artwork to confirm WPA authenticity. On August 8, 2018, JI-3 agents received photographs from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Registrar Fine Art, Freeman's Auction House, of the artwork to include the close ups of the artist signature and WPA stamp. Photographs of the artwork was reviewed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Art in Architecture and Fine Arts Division, Office of the Chief Architect and it was determined that the subject artwork was part of the WPA Federal Art Project Artwork with a value of approximately \$800.

On August 24, 2018, JI-3 agents took possession of WPA "The Dance" by Harry Sternberg, from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Chief Operating Officer, Freeman's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Philadelphia, PA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voluntarily returned the painting to GSA OIG, and signed the Release of Interest form provided by the GSA Fine Arts Division. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also provided the GSA OIG with a signed Release Form from Freeman's.

On September 26, 2018, JI-3 agents returned the WPA "The Dance" to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Art in Architecture and Fine Arts Division, Office of the Chief Architect.

On November 1, 2018, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) conducted an outreach to Freeman's Auction House and provided a brief presentation to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) staff regarding GSA's WPA Federal Art Project.

Mid-Atlantic Regional  
Office of Investigations (JI-3)  
Room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 600 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

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**U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**Office of Inspector General**

SOUTHEAST AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

May 9, 2019

MEMORANDUM: FOR FILE

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (JI-4)

SUBJECT:

**CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT

Our File No: Z19400007

This is to advise you that the above captioned investigation is being officially closed.

This investigation was predicated based on a complaint received from the General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), hotline office. The complaint alleges that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Building Services Specialist, GSA, is stealing office supplies and construction related equipment. The allegations also state that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is a convicted felon, is known to regularly carry a firearm, and is involved in the manufacture and sale of illegal drugs.

A review of court documents, complainant and witness interviews, GSA employee interviews, reviews of GSA email histories, surveillance operations, and site location visits disclosed the following information. The allegations were categorized into three primary issues.

**Allegation 1**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is a convicted felon and is in possession of multiple weapons. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is known to have a violent personality and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) carries a pistol with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on a regular basis.

The GSA OIG conducted a review of the relevant court documents. On November 11, 1977, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was convicted of misdemeanor possession of Marijuana. The case was erroneously classified as a felony by the court. During the OIG's attempt to obtain copies of the felony conviction, the court error was discovered. The court corrected the error and confirmed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conviction was in fact a misdemeanor. Based on the court documents, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is not a convicted felon and is legally permitted to possess and own firearms.

**Allegation 2**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) manufactures, distributes through sales, and uses Marijuana on a regular basis.

Interviews with the witnesses revealed all of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) observed drug activity occurred between the timeframe from 2007 to 2014. The GSA OIG attempted to determine if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleged drug activities were still occurring. The GSA OIG contacted and partnered with local law enforcement and conducted a joint surveillance operation in an attempt to identify if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was manufacturing or distributing Marijuana through sales to develop probable cause to obtain search warrants for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) vehicles, properties, and residence. Investigative efforts failed to develop any probable cause and as of this date, local law enforcement has ceased any investigative efforts into (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleged drug activities.

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Office of Investigations (JI-4)

401 West Peachtree Street, Suite (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Atlanta, GA 30308 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

**Allegation 3**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) steals office supplies and construction related equipment from (b) (6), GSA work space.

The GSA OIG conducted interviews with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor and fellow GSA employees. Investigative efforts determined no office supplies or construction related equipment is missing from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GSA office space and there are no witnesses that can corroborate the allegations that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had stolen any items from GSA.

This investigation found no evidence to support any of the allegations against (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

If you have any questions, please call Special Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). This matter does not require any further investigation of action.



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**Office of Inspector General**

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September 25, 2019

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL AGENT-IN-CHAR  
NATIONAL CAPITOL AND MID-ATLANTIC REGIONS (JI-W, JI-3)

SUBJECT: **CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Sale of Edible Marijuana in GSA  
Leased Office Space  
File Number: I19H00034

This memorandum presents the findings of our investigation. No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

On December 4, 2018, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), received an anonymous complaint through the GSA IG Hotline alleging that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a Program Analyst in the Office of Leasing, Public Buildings Service (PBS), purchased edible marijuana while on official government travel in Colorado and transported it to Philadelphia, where (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold it to employees in the GSA Philadelphia Office.

On March 21, 2019, GSA OIG special agents interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) traveled to Denver, Colorado, on official GSA business in June 2018. GSA OIG Agents obtained (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) travel voucher and confirmed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) traveled on official GSA business to Denver, Colorado from June (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to June (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), 2018. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted, that on this trip, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) purchased approximately ten edible marijuana pieces and transported them back to Philadelphia by commercial airline. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said the edible marijuana was for personal consumption. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) consumed some of the edible marijuana and whatever (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not consume was in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) apartment.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) further stated that he traveled to Colorado in February 2019 for vacation. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GSA Realty Specialist, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was going to Colorado prior to this trip and that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had purchased edible marijuana in Colorado on previous trips. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) get edible marijuana for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) purchased it again while in Colorado. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that during the February 2019 trip to Colorado, a friend purchased 20 units of edible marijuana for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transported the 20 units of edible marijuana from Colorado to Philadelphia by commercial airline. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought 10 units of edible marijuana "gummies" to the GSA Philadelphia Office and gave it to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also admitted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) gave the edible marijuana "gummies" to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) near (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) workspace, on the West side of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) floor of the GSA Philadelphia Office.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) initially told agents that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pay for the edible marijuana through Venmo. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) later recalled that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) paid (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) \$20 for the edible marijuana at an after-hours gathering. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed and signed an "Authorization for Consent Search" for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence and voluntarily surrendered one package containing ten units of edible

marijuana labeled "10MG THC" and three units containing chocolate edible marijuana labeled "THC."

On March 25, 2019, GSA OIG special agents interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6) admitted that (b) (6) received edible marijuana from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told agents that (b) (6) received a message on "Gchat" from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stating that (b) (6) had a gift for (b) (6). According to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6) was in the GSA Philadelphia Office but away from (b) (6) desk when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent the "Gchat" message. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that when (b) (6) returned to (b) (6) desk, there was a box of edible marijuana inside of his bag. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that (b) (6) paid (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) \$20 for the box of edible marijuana at a happy hour after work.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claimed this was the first time (b) (6) purchased edible marijuana from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that (b) (6) did not know that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was going to bring (b) (6) edible marijuana from Colorado. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6) had previously discussed edible marijuana with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) but never specifically asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to bring (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) edible marijuana from Colorado. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not aware of any other GSA employees who purchased edible marijuana from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told agents that (b) (6) brought the edible marijuana to (b) (6) residence and consumed two of the edible marijuana "gummies." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told agents that the remaining edible marijuana "gummies" were at (b) (6) residence. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed and signed an "Authorization for Consent Search" for (b) (6) residence. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voluntarily surrendered a box containing eight edible marijuana "peach gummies."

On May 5, 2019, an analysis of all the edible marijuana obtained from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was completed by the Philadelphia Police Department, Chemistry Laboratory. All of the samples tested positive for the presence of marijuana.

On April 29, 2019, A Report of Investigation was prepared by GSA OIG and forwarded to Allison Azevedo, GSA Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Leasing.

On May 30, 2019, GSA OIG was notified by GSA that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received an Official Letter of Reprimand for possession of illegal drugs on Government owned or leased premises while on duty.

On June 26, 2019, GSA OIG was notified by GSA that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a two day suspension for 1) inappropriate conduct and 2) possession of illegal drugs on Government owned or leased property while on duty.





**U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**Office of Inspector General**  
New York Field Investigations Office

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June 24, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)  
SPECIAL AGENT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)  
SUBJECT: **CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

New Deal Era Artwork Recovery  
Case Number: Z19200037

This investigation was initiated on January 30, 2019, as a result of a proactive initiative by a Special Agent from the General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), New York Field Investigations Office (JI-2), that identified a piece of artwork that was potentially commissioned during the Works Progress Administration, Federal Art Project (WPA), administered during 1935 to 1942; this artwork was missing from the GSA's collection. Specifically, the JI-2 special agent discovered that "Beyond Yonkers," painted by Leopold Widlicka, was previously auctioned in October 2018 by Capo Auction, 3601 Queens Blvd, Long Island City, NY.

On January 30, 2019, a JI-2 Special Agent contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Fine Arts Specialist, GSA, Art in Architecture and Fine Arts (FAD), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC, and provided the information obtained from this proactive initiative. Later that same day, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) confirmed the painting was part of the WPA initiative and the government had claim to such.

On March 26, 2019, JI-2 Special Agents visited Capo Auction and obtained information on the sale of the painting. According to the records obtained from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Appraiser, Capo Auction, the seller of the painting was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) New York, NY; the buyer of the painting was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Bel Air, MD. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) consigned the painting on September 14, 2018, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) subsequently purchased it on October 22, 2018, in the amount of \$125.00.

A JI-2 Special Agent subsequently contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and advised (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the government's claim to title. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voluntarily agreed to return the painting to the government.

On June 19, 2019, a JI-2 Special Agent met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who voluntarily surrendered the painting to the government. The painting was returned to the custody of GSA, FAD, later that same day.

On June 24, 2019, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) estimated the internal value of the painting to be \$3,000.00.

No further investigation of this matter will be conducted by JI-2, and the case will be closed.

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U.S. General Services Administration

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April 29, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: ALLISON AZEVEDO  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
OFFICE OF LEASING (PR)

CC: ANTONIA T. HARRIS  
CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICER  
OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES (C)

JOANNA ROSATO  
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE (3P)

FROM: JAMES E. ADAMS (b) (6)  
ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL  
FOR INVESTIGATIONS (JI)

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation Re:  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Program Analyst  
Public Buildings Service (PRBD)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Realty Specialist  
Public Buildings Service (PRBD)

Case Number: I19H00034

This memorandum presents our Report of Investigation concerning the captioned matter. We request that a written response, including but not limited to the attached Disposition Report, be returned within 30 days of final action on this matter.

Attachments - Report of Investigation and Exhibits  
Disposition Report

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# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION



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## **BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION**

On December 4, 2018, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), received an anonymous complaint through the GSA IG Hotline alleging that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a Program Analyst in the Office of Leasing, Public Buildings Service (PBS), purchased edible marijuana while on official government travel in Colorado and transported it to Philadelphia, where (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold it to employees in the GSA Philadelphia Office. (Exhibit 1)

## **POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS**

GSA Order 9751.1 CPO Maintaining Discipline Table II Penalty Guide Violations:

- #8 Misconduct whether or not in violation of a criminal statute, which impairs job performance or trustworthiness of the employee or otherwise affects the ability of a part of GSA to perform its mission.
- #27 Sale or Possession of illegal drugs on Government-owned or leased premises or while on duty.

## **SUMMARY**

The investigation determined:

- 1) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) traveled to Colorado in June 2018, on official government travel and purchased approximately ten pieces of edible marijuana. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transported the edible marijuana on a commercial aircraft to Philadelphia for personal consumption. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) actions violated 9751.1 CPO Maintaining Discipline Table II Penalty Guide Violation #27 – Sale or Possession of illegal drugs on Government-owned or leased premises or while on duty, and they may have violated GSA Order 9751.1 CPO Maintaining Discipline Table II Penalty Guide Violation #8 – Misconduct.
- 2) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) traveled to Colorado on vacation in February 2019 and purchased approximately twenty pieces of edible marijuana. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transported the edible marijuana on a commercial aircraft to Philadelphia for personal consumption and to sell a portion to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a GSA Realty Specialist. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) gave (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the edible marijuana inside of GSA leased space located at 100 S. Independence Mall West, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Philadelphia, PA 19106. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) paid (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) \$20 for ten pieces of edible marijuana outside of the GSA workspace. Both (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) actions violated 9751.1 CPO Maintaining Discipline Table II Penalty Guide Violation #27 – Sale or Possession of illegal drugs on Government-owned or leased premises or while on duty, and they may have violated #8 – Misconduct.

## **PROSECUTORIAL CONSIDERATION**

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania declined prosecution of this case.

## **DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) are assigned to the Central Office and work in the Office of Leasing. However, both (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) physically work in the GSA Philadelphia Office. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is a GS- (b) (6) Program Analyst with PBS and has been employed by GSA for (b) (6), (b) (7) years. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is a GS- (b) (6) Realty Specialist with PBS and has been employed by GSA for (b) (6), (b) (7) years.

On March 21, 2019, GSA OIG special agents interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6) stated that (b) (6) traveled to Denver, Colorado, on official GSA business in June 2018. GSA OIG Agents obtained (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) travel voucher and confirmed that (b) (6) traveled on official GSA business to Denver, Colorado from June (b) (6) – June (b) (6), 2018. (Exhibit 2) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted, that on this trip, (b) (6) purchased approximately ten edible marijuana pieces and transported them back to Philadelphia by commercial airline. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said the edible marijuana was for personal consumption. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6) consumed some of the edible marijuana and whatever (b) (6) did not consume was in (b) (6) apartment.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) further stated that (b) (6) traveled to Colorado in February 2019 for vacation. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6) was going to Colorado prior to this trip and that (b) (6) had purchased edible marijuana in Colorado on previous trips. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) requested (b) (6) get edible marijuana for (b) (6) if (b) (6) purchased it again while in Colorado.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that during the February 2019 trip to Colorado, a friend purchased 20 units of edible marijuana for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6) transported the 20 units of edible marijuana from Colorado to Philadelphia by commercial airline. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that (b) (6) brought 10 units of edible marijuana “gummies” to the GSA Philadelphia Office and gave it to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also admitted (b) (6) gave the edible marijuana “gummies” to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) near (b) (6) workspace, on the West side of the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of the GSA Philadelphia Office. (Exhibit 3)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) initially told agents that (b) (6) requested (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pay for the edible marijuana through Venmo. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) later recalled that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) paid (b) (6) \$20 for the edible marijuana at an after-hours gathering. (Exhibit 4)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed and signed an “Authorization for Consent Search” for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence and voluntarily surrendered one package containing ten units of edible marijuana labeled “10MG THC” and three units containing chocolate edible marijuana labeled “THC.” (Exhibit 5)

On March 25, 2019, GSA OIG special agents interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6) admitted that (b) (6) received edible marijuana from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told agents that (b) (6) received a message on “Gchat” from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stating that (b) (6) had a gift for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). According to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6) was in the GSA Philadelphia Office but away from (b) (6) desk when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sent the “Gchat” message. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that when (b) (6) returned to (b) (6) desk, there was a box of edible marijuana inside of (b) (6) bag. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that (b) (6) paid (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) \$20 for the box of edible marijuana at a happy hour after work.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claimed this was the first time (b) (6) purchased edible marijuana from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that (b) (6) did not know that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was going to bring (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) edible marijuana from Colorado. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6) had previously discussed edible marijuana with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) but never specifically asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to bring (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) edible marijuana from Colorado. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not aware of any other GSA employees who purchased edible marijuana from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told agents that (b) (6) brought the edible marijuana to (b) (6) residence and consumed two of the edible marijuana “gummies.” (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told agents that the remaining edible marijuana “gummies” were at (b) (6) residence. (Exhibit 6)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed and signed an “Authorization for Consent Search” for (b) (6) residence. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) voluntarily surrendered a box containing eight edible marijuana “peach gummies.” A warning label on the box indicated that the product contained marijuana and to keep away from children. (Exhibit 7)

Based on the above, both (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) violated 9751.1 CPO Maintaining Discipline, Table II Penalty Guide, Violation #27 – Sale or Possession of illegal drugs on Government-owned or leased premises or while on duty, and they may have violated #8 – Misconduct.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please telephone Special Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) or Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F).



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August 27, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

SPECIAL AGENT

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)

SUBJECT:

**CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

Peter Max Artwork - Welcome to America Collection

File Number: Z19200067

On May 28, 2019, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Hotline Division (H), notified the GSA, OIG, New York Field Investigations Office (JI-2), 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, of three e-mails sent to GSA OIG Fraudnet (fraudnet@gsaig.gov) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GSA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), One World Trade Center, New York, NY, regarding artwork created by Peter Max, commissioned by the GSA. Specifically the e-mails indicated that GSA at one time commissioned artist Peter Max on behalf of the U.S. Customs Service to create art that would be displayed at various border crossing locations, some of which was refused by CBP, some used. Ultimately there was concern, as a New York City auction house, later identified as RoGallery, was selling pieces from the collection in 2012.

On July 22, 2019, a Special Agent with JI-2 contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Fine Arts Specialist, GSA, Public Building Service (PBS), Art in Architecture and Fine Arts (PCAC), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC, by e-mail regarding artwork created by Peter Max. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that only the seven original oil paintings are part of the GSA Fine Arts Collection, however GSA does have some reproduction border crossing signs in inventory. The reproduction signs are part of what is considered the "Non-Collection", which includes artworks in the custody of GSA's Fine Arts Program but not considered to be part of the Fine Arts Collection.

On July 24, 2019, a Special Agent with JI-2 telephonically contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding artwork created by Peter Max. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided JI-2 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notes and e-mails which included: (1) copies of RoGallery webpage printouts from June 25, 2012, showing three of the border crossing signs being listed for auction; (2) copy of ArtBrokerage.com webpage printout from March 18, 2015, listing one border mural for sale; (3) various articles about the Peter Max border art project; and (4) hand written notes and e-mails. E-mail correspondence provided by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) documented internal GSA communication discussing this matter from 2012 to 2015.

On August 26, 2019 a Special Agent with JI-2 contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to inquire if there was sufficient documentation to support a claim of government ownership. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that GSA Fine Arts Program (FAP) does not have sufficient documentation to recover the signs from auction.

New York Field Investigations Office (JI-2)  
26 Federal Plaza, Room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) New York, NY 10278

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GSA FAP has never found documentation indicating that GSA owns the signs and GSA legal counsel cannot sign off on recovering the signs.

No further investigation of this matter will be conducted by JI-2, and the case will be closed.

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**U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**Office of Inspector General**  
**MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS**

August 7, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE I19800079

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
MIDWEST REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE (JI-6)

THROUGH:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)  
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
DENVER RESIDENT OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS (JI-8)

SUBJECT:

CASE CLOSING  
ELDORA LORENZINE PAINTING; WPA RECOVERY  
CASE NO. I19800079

The General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Denver Resident Office of Investigations (JI-8), received a referral from the GSA OIG New York Regional Investigations Office (JI-2) concerning WPA painting, "Summer Scene," by Eldora Lorenzini. The painting was identified on an eBay auction listing, from Eron Johnson Antiques, 377 South Lipton Street, Unit B, Denver, CO, with a list price of \$5,500.

GSA OIG Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) coordinated with the GSA Fine Arts Division (FAD) to verify the identification of the painting. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) then contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Manger, Eron Johnson Antiques, and asked (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to take the painting off of the eBay auction listing page. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) complied with the request and provided the contact information for the possessor's executor of the estate for the painting. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) relayed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was selling the painting as part of an estate sale.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) subsequently coordinated with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the possessor's executor of the estate, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), to pick up the painting from Eron Johnson Antiques and it was secured in the Denver Evidence Depository. On July 1, 2019, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) met with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), to discuss the WPA program and obtain a release of interest form for the painting.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Director, GSA FAD, estimated the value of the painting at \$5,000. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also coordinated the return shipment of the painting. US Art Company picked up the painting from the Denver office on August 1, 2019, and shipped it to the GSA FAD in Washington, DC.

Based on the recovery and return of the WPA painting to the GSA FAD, no further investigative actions are warranted. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact ASAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F).

Assigned Office : H - Headquarters (Hotlines Only)

Case Owner : (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Case Title** Beta.Sam.gov and RCM Solutions**Case Agent** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**Case Number**

H19H00120

**Case Status**

Closed

**Close****Investigation Complete**

Investigation Completion Date:

7/8/2019

Completion Comments:

7-8-2019 – Spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in reference to the statement made on June 18, 2019 "I hope whoever did this does not track me down and shoot me." and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) you do not have to worry you live in Florida." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did in fact make this statement but (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was only being sarcastic because in more than one instance (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) name and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) names were used in the feedback. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assumed that this issue was resolved after a conversation between (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) self stating they were ok with not taking additional action at this time. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recently found out that this issue had been escalated to the OIG and assumes that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wants it investigated further. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is not in any danger and does not fear for the safety of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) life. Therefore, this issue will be closed.

Investigation Complete

**Agent Close Checklist**

Case Results:

Case Closed for Administrative Reasons

Impact:

No

Case Summary:

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October 30, 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(F)  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

SUBJECT:

**CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

Works Progress Administration Artwork Recovery  
File Number: I19200119

On August 20, 2019, a potential Works Progress Administration (WPA) artwork was observed listed for sale on eBay by a special agent of the U.S. General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General, New York Field Investigations Office (JI-2), Room (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) New York, NY. Specifically, Nine Caroline Antiques, also known as Mark Lawson Antiques, listed a 1936 WPA oil painting titled "Summer Breeze" by Joseph Sabalauskas, measuring approximately 20"s x 19"s, with "Federal Art Project" metal tag affixed to the front frame and WPA paper label on the reverse stating such was property of the United States Government.

On August 20, 2019, the eBay listing was matter was referred to the GSA Fine Arts Division (FAD), 1800 F Street, Washington D.C. for review and ownership review. GSA FAD determined GSA could claim title to the piece.

On September 4, 2019, a JI-2 special agent telephonically contacted the possessor (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained the painting from a local estate sale and agreed to voluntarily return the painting to government custody.

On September 18, 2019, a JI-2 special agent recovered the painting from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Antiques, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Saratoga Springs, NY, and delivered it to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY, for temporary loan at the direction of GSA FAD.

On September 7, 2019, GSA FAD informed JI-2 the painting's estimated value was approximately \$3,000.

No further investigation of this matter will be conducted by JI-2, and the case will be closed.