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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
United States Department of Agriculture



September 30, 2022

Subject: Log No. 16-00038

This letter responds to your March 10, 2016, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)¹ request to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Inspector General (OIG). You requested copies of final report, report of investigation (ROI), closing report, closing memo, closing letter, referral memo, referral letter and any other conclusory document regarding the USDA OIG investigations listed in your request.

We are enclosing 279 pages of responsive records. Pursuant to FOIA, certain information has been redacted and withheld as it is exempt from release. Specifically, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C), the names, signatures, initials, and other identifying information of individuals were withheld because release of this information could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 6 protects information about individuals in personnel and medical files and similar files when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Exemption 7(C) is limited to information compiled for law enforcement purposes, and protects personal information when disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, information which was provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land in order to participate in a USDA program was withheld under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3). Content which would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law was withheld under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E). Information that could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source was withheld under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D). Finally, content pertaining to the deliberative processes was withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). We withheld one page of duplicate records.

We have enclosed an explanatory sheet of FOIA exemption explanations.

Additionally, we have identified five pages of investigative records (AT-3350-0007) containing content created by USDA's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Under FOIA, the agency which created the record is responsible for processing. Therefore, we have referred these pages to APHIS for processing and direct response to you.

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 552.

For your follow-up purposes, the contact information for the APHIS FOIA office is:

Ms. Tonya Woods, FOIA Director
Legislative and Public Affairs
Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Office
4700 River Road, Unit 50
Riverdale, MD 20737
Phone: 301-851-4102
Email: foia.officer@aphis.usda.gov

We have also identified six pages of investigative records (CH-0160-0001) containing content created by the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Under FOIA, the agency which created the record is responsible for processing. Therefore, we have referred these pages to the FDA for processing and direct response to you.

For your follow-up purposes, the contact information for the FDA FOIA office is:

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Tel. 301-796-3900
Freedom of Information Act Office	Fax 301-827-9267
Ms. Sarah Kotler, FOIA Officer	
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1035	
Rockville, MD 20857	

Finally, we have identified nine pages of responsive records containing information (CH-1399-0002 and TE-2499-0016) created by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Therefore, we have referred these pages and a copy of the request to the FBI for processing and direct response to you.

For your follow-up purposes the FOIA contact information for the FBI FOIA office is:

Email: foipaquestions@fbi.gov
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For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements 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 requirements of the

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FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road (OGIS)
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Phone: (202) 741-5770
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>

For information about OIG, please refer to our Web site at www.oig.usda.gov. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (202) 720-5677.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alison Decker

Alison Decker
Assistant Counsel

Enclosures: Exemptions sheet/documents

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southeast Region
Atlanta, GA**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: AT-2752-0059

DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Child Care Food Program / Wire Fraud

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

S. CAROL BENNETT
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted with the assistance of Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, to determine whether (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a licensed day care facility, submitted false information to inflate reimbursement rates and unlawfully receive payment from the Child Care Food Program.

The investigation revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) improperly inflated their reimbursement rates by submitting false information regarding the number of participants eligible for "free" classification. Copies of the Free or Reduced Price Meal (FRPM) applications submitted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reflected applicant information had been altered to falsely claim participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or lower monthly household incomes.

A Federal search warrant was served at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and items including business records were seized. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed and confirmed information contained on the FRMP applications was false. Facts relating to the investigation were discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who initially agreed to consider prosecution and later declined.

During this investigation, information was obtained that cannot be disclosed and was therefore furnished only to an AUSA, U.S. Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Child Care Food Program (CCFP), also known as the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), is authorized by Section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended. Program regulations issued by the Department are found in 7 CFR Part 226.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) provides funding for the administration of the CCFP. The Program is administered by Florida Department of Health (FDOH), Bureau of Child Nutrition, on behalf of USDA. FDOH is responsible for ensuring Program compliance by daycare centers and sponsoring organizations. To carry out their responsibilities, FDOH maintains documentation records/files, including signed agreements, licensed capacities, license numbers, and reimbursement claims submitted by centers and Sponsoring Organizations (SO). The FDOH conducts audits of the SOs on a regular basis, as set forth in the CCFP.

The purpose of the Program is to provide nutritious meals and snacks for underprivileged children in daycare centers. An SO enters into an agreement with the state agency to operate the Program, assuming administrative and financial responsibility for the CCFP. A childcare center may participate in the Program independently by contracting directly with the state agency or with an SO, who assists in administering the CCFP and in paying for meals served to eligible children 12 years of age and younger at daycare homes or centers under its sponsorship. Each meal must meet USDA nutritional guidelines to qualify for reimbursement. The amount of payment is based on the enrolled child's household size and gross income to participate in the CCFP.

To participate in the CCFP and receive monthly reimbursements, the SO and/or childcare centers must keep accurate records on the eligibility of enrolled participants for free and reduced-price meals for a period of three years. The level of reimbursement for meals served to eligible participants is based on the number and types of meals served and the income of the enrolled child's household. A provider can be reimbursed for up to two meals and one snack per day. The SO must keep enrollment and attendance records, daily meal counts, menus, free and reduced priced meal applications, and other related documents to qualify for reimbursement.

Childcare centers participating in the CCFP are required, at least annually, to obtain income eligibility applications on households of enrolled children. The center sends the applications to the SO, who reviews and classifies them in categories of "free," "reduced-priced," and "non-needy/denied." Meals and snacks served to children who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals are eligible for higher rates of reimbursement.

Reimbursement is determined by the number of eligible enrolled participants who are served creditable meals, and the current reimbursement rates set by the USDA. At the time of the investigation, the "free" reimbursement rates were \$1.35 for breakfast, \$2.47 for lunch/supper, and 68 cents for snacks; "reduced-price" reimbursement rates were \$1.05 for breakfast, \$2.07 for

lunch/supper, and 68 cents for snacks; "non-needy" reimbursement rates were 24 cents for breakfast, 23 cents for lunch/supper, and 6 cents for snacks.

The average monthly "blended rate" is then calculated based on the number of daycare centers and the number of children under the "free," "reduced," and "non-needy" categories. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) "blended rate" for the month of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for breakfast, \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for lunch/supper, and \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for snacks. Childcare centers or SOs are reimbursed at the higher "free" rate for children with family incomes at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty line. A lesser "reduced price" reimbursement is received for children between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty line. For children from families with incomes above 185 percent of the poverty line, meals are reimbursed at the lowest rate, the "non-needy" rate. Non-profit daycare centers automatically qualify for CCFP funding if they meet state requirements. For-profit organizations whose enrollment or licensed capacity consists of at least 25 percent low-income children meeting specific criteria also qualify.

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM/WIRE FRAUD – Title 18 U.S.C. §1343

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, as a domestic non-profit corporation. In the initial query on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was listed as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1). The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) annual report for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) listed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2). In a follow-up query, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was listed as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) posted on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as the last event (Exhibit 3).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted monthly reimbursement claims to FDOH by logging into the state agency Management Information and Payment System (MIPS) computer network and submitting the required information. Each claim was signed with the electronic signature of the submitter. FDOH sent reimbursement to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) via direct deposit to the specified financial institution account.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was required to have a FRPM application for program recipients that mandated renewal by parents every year. The majority of the applications contained SNAP case numbers that automatically qualified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to receive reimbursement for meals served. The "free" qualification also increased the blended amount (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received from USDA for the meals provided to program recipients.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FDOH, conducted a compliance review at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) inspected the FRPM applications and noted deficiencies. In particular, a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) After closer inspection, the applications appeared to contain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on the sections of the forms that pertained to SNAP case numbers and/or household incomes.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) returned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to follow-up on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During this visit, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) copied some of the records
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Shortly after the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) visit, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) learned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a Federal search warrant was executed at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and items including
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were seized (Exhibit 4).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM
 applications (b)(6); submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5). After reviewing copies of the
 applications (Exhibit 6), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on the entire form including the
 SNAP case number. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 completed the application. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM applications
 (b)(6); submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7). After reviewing copies of the applications (Exhibit 8),
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM
 application (b)(6); submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9). After reviewing a copy of the application
 (Exhibit 10), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM
 application (b)(6); submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11). After reviewing a copy of the application
 (Exhibit 12), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM application (b)(6) submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 13). After reviewing a copy of the application (Exhibit 14), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted (Exhibit 15). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) copy reflected

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM applications (b)(6) submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 16). After reviewing copies of the applications (Exhibit 17), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the FRPM applications submitted for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 18). After reviewing copies of the applications (Exhibit 19), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 20). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) began working at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) responsibilities included (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (Exhibit 21). (b)(6) began (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) duties were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was shown a copy of the FRPM application (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 22). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) began as a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CCFP. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the FRPM applications were the CCFP.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the FRPM applications. Initially, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the CCFP.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the CCFP paperwork. There was nothing sent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Before the execution of the search warrant, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Shortly thereafter, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Throughout the investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) For these reasons, an interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not pursued.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the investigation was discussed with an AUSA for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) After careful consideration of all relevant factors, the AUSA elected to decline prosecution.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Southeast Region
Atlanta, Georgia



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	AT-0801-0100	DATE:	JUL 06 2011
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Employee Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated at the request of the Forest Service (FS) to determine if

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

committed sexual misconduct

involving (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation revealed that

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

an administrative investigation of the matter (Exhibit 1) and provided the results to the FS.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 2), FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated

that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 3), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS terminated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employment (Exhibit 5) for sexual misconduct, inappropriate actions, and violation of the agency's harassment policy.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was arrested on a Criminal Complaint (Exhibit 6) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count of prostitution and (b)(6) count of solicitation of prostitution.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was advised of (b)(6) rights and admitted (Exhibit 7) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty (Exhibit 8) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) District
Court to the charges of prostitution and solicitation of prostitution.



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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Southeast Region
Atlanta, Georgia



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	AT-2418-0034	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
Title Continues			
CASE TYPE:	Tampering with Consumer Products		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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Special Agent-in-Charge

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AT-2418-0034

TITLE CONTINUED

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TAMPERING WITH CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 18 U.S.C. § 1365

This investigation was conducted to determine if a package of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Tennessee, was tampered with during the production process.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Compliance Investigation Division, Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement, and Review (OPEER), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), United States Department of Agriculture, prepared a Conversation Record (Exhibit 1) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which indicated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had received a facsimile transmission from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Regulatory Services (TDOA), on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

further described a contact with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which occurred on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 2) is

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

individual who

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported the incident to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Following the contact with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attempted to contact (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and asked what could be done about this incident. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spoke with an unidentified female at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who contacted FSIS, OPEER. It was at this point that FSIS, OPEER made contact with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding this incident.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) They were both willing to take a polygraph examination. They both denied any involvement relating to tampering with consumer products.

In a Quality Control Review Notification Letter, dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3),

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSIS, stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had examined the packaging process from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) determined they were packaged at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with a "use by date of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)". (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reviewed all manufacturing records pertaining to this lot of product from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also reviewed plant records from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) tests for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was able to determine that no (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was detected in the production process during these dates.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Special Agent, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), conducted a polygraph examination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and provided a TBI Investigative Report (Exhibit 4) summarizing the polygraph examination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) relating to tampering with consumer products. The results of the polygraph examination indicated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on two out of three questions asked pertaining specifically to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The two questions in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during the polygraph examination were:

- 1) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
- 2) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Upon a review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Special Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that the results of a polygraph examination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would possibly not render an accurate result. Therefore, it was determined that a polygraph examination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would not be conducted.

This case was declined for prosecution by an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-0201-0008	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Malicious Mischief Involving Government Property		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

DONALD E. MEEKS
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1-Administrator, Agricultural Research Service
- 2-Assistant Deputy Administrator for Administrative & Financial Management, ARS
- 1-Director, Personnel Policy & Partnership Division, OHRM
- 1-Associate General Counsel, Legislation, Litigation and General Law, OGC
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine how a freezer in one of the labs located in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (ARS), National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR), became unplugged during the approximate period of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The freezer, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the NCAUR, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NCAUR (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation, which included (b)(6) interviews of persons working in the NCAUR, did not disclose the identity of the person or persons responsible for the unplugging of the freezer.

In addition to the aforementioned interviews, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

to participate in polygraph examinations that were conducted by the FBI, at the request of USDA-OIG. The polygraph examinations revealed that; the results of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When interviewed, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of the case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who expressed an interest in prosecuting this case.

BACKGROUND

Established by an act of Congress in 1938, the NCAUR invents new uses of agricultural commodities for industrial and food products, develops new technology to improve environmental quality and provides technical support to Federal regulatory and action agencies.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

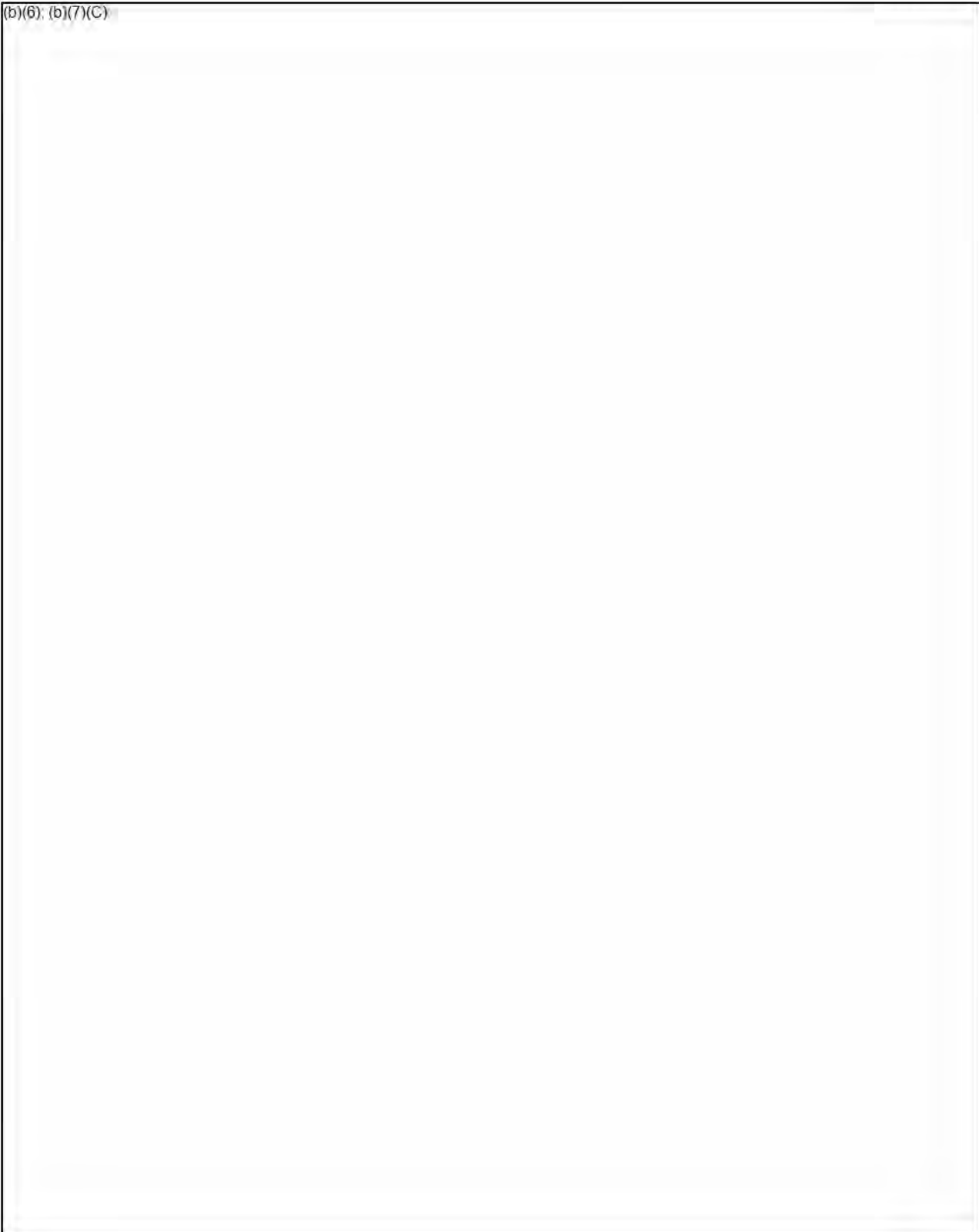
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As stated in the synopsis, this investigation, which included (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviews of persons (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NCAUR, did not disclose the identity of the person or persons responsible for the unplugging of the freezer that was located in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The following persons provided signed statements:

Name	Date of Interview	Exhibit #
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



During the course of this investigation, the following (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) persons participated in polygraph examinations conducted by the FBI (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the request of USDA-OIG.

Name	Position/Title	Date of Examination	Exhibit #
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)			

The results from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) polygraph examination (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The results

of the polygraph examinations for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

were

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the interviews, a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the NCAUR (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

There were no persons who were interviewed who stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the freezer in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of the case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who expressed an interest in prosecuting this case.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-0301-0260	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Selling a Controlled Substance to USDA Customers		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

1-Director, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Washington, DC
1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold prescription or illegal drugs to USDA customers. The investigation did not disclose that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold drugs; however, it found that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Additionally, the investigation found that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) denied that (b)(6) sold prescription or illegal drugs to anyone. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) but (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DEALING IN A SCHEDULE I, II, OR III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE -

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **CRIMINAL CODE** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent an e-mail (Exhibit 1) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA office, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review by the Reporting Agent (RA) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 3):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by the RA during the afternoon of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Later that same day, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) talked to the RA. Also, on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) might have said to the RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and said (Exhibit 5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 6) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 7) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Exhibit 8 is a copy of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said they have (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 5):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has never done anything with regards to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to improve their prospects of receiving USDA benefits or receiving more benefits than they qualified for.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 6) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from
USDA customers. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 7) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is not in a position to
manipulate USDA customer (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the investigation, the current (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were obtained by the RA from the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services, USDA. A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by the RA found that, during the period

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 7) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Midwest Region

Chicago, Illinois

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-0346-0418	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Conversion of FSA Collateral		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED

(b)(6)

JOE M. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1-Director, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, FSA
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) converted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) mortgaged to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) without authorization and failed to use the proceeds to pay off the loans.

Investigations disclosed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) obtained a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loan from CCC using (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA conducted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) check (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Additionally, FSA discovered that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) without their knowledge and authorization. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to re-pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) CCC loan and has an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with FSA of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid back the full amount of the loan.

DETAILS15 U.S.C. 714m(c) CONVERSION OF CCC MORTGAGE PROPERTY

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FSA office to obtain a loan on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

A Form CCC-666, Farm Stored Loan Quantity Certification, dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2), was prepared based on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A Form (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3), was completed by FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the loan (Exhibit 4).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loan based on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conducted a loan (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) its reported storage area (Exhibit 5).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) letters advising (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that FSA had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA loan and the apparent shortage (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loan with FSA. It further explained that FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) re-paid FSA in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA office received a letter from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in that letter, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA and that (b)(6) had re-paid (b)(6) FSA loan (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided documents to the REPORTING AGENT that detailed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The documents revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) since entering into (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with FSA (Exhibit 10).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained how (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA and in spite of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained it was not until the FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) until after the FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) elaborated that (b)(6) has re-paid (b)(6) FSA loan and learned that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was discussed with the Chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined prosecution on the case due to (b)(5)

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Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-0364-0226	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Frauds and Swindles		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

1-Director, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, Washington, DC
1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
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According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA subsidy payment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AGI form.

When the payment is made, FSA will make one lump sum payment to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 4).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA OIG Special Agents interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AGI form. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated

that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) instructed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to sign the AGI in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) name and return it to FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted to signing the AGI form dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) instruction (Exhibit 5).

The United States Attorney, Central District of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has declined prosecution of this investigation.

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated based on a referral (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Farm Service Agency (FSA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). It was alleged that an unknown individual forged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) name on form CCC-926, Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Statement and submitted it to FSA without (b)(6) authorization or knowledge.

The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) signed and submitted an AGI on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by Special Agents from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to fill out and sign the AGI form on (b)(6) behalf and to return it to FSA for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

18 U.S.C. § 1001 FALSE STATEMENTS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) receives a farm subsidy from FSA. The 2008 Farm Bill requires each individual member of the entity to sign an AGI form and submit it to FSA as a prerequisite to the entity receiving their subsidy payment.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA Office located at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a copy of the AGI was given to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). After reviewing the AGI (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1). At this point, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) signature on the AGI (Exhibit 2). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted the allegation for referral to OIG for investigation.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) year (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to sign (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) form. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that FSA had no reason to suspect the signature on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) form was forged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3).



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Midwest Region

Chicago, Illinois

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-0364-0229	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	False Statements on Loan Applications		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1-Director, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, FSA
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Liaison and Hotline Division (PS-0346-0001), OIG
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) made false statements on loan document in order to receive a loan from Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Investigation disclosed that on (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was issued a Farm Stored Marketing Assistance Loan for (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) from the FSA, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) pledged (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as collateral to secure this loan that was later identified as (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) FSA loan paperwork.

After FSA identified (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) false claim, (b)(6) repaid FSA in the amount of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to repay the principal and interest on the loan.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) states (b)(6) took out the FSA loan under the belief that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) used as FSA collateral (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) claims (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) signing the actual FSA loan documents.

BACKGROUND

FSA is an agency of the USDA and a successor agency to the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). FSA's mission is to ensure the well-being of American agriculture, the environment, and the American public through efficient and equitable administration of farm commodity programs; farm ownership, operating and emergency loans; conservation and environmental programs; emergency and disaster assistance; domestic and international food assistance; and international export credit programs. Providing direct credit and loans to farmers via farm loan programs was a major objective in the early years of USDA under the authority of the FmHA. Following the reorganization of USDA agencies and programs, the emphasis has shifted from direct loans to the use of guaranteed loan programs to help farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

Marketing assistance loans provide producers with interim financing at harvest time to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are lowest. Allowing producers to store their crops beyond harvest facilitates more orderly marketing of commodities throughout the year. Marketing assistance loans are issued by FSA through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), a federal corporation managed by the USDA which funds various agricultural programs.

Loan recipients pledge their harvested commodities as collateral, and loans may be retired in three ways: (1) repaying in cash, (2) repaying using commodity certificates, or (3) forfeiture of the commodity to the CCC. Forfeiture effectively results in selling to the government for the loan price. If market prices exceed the loan price when the loan is repaid, the producer repays principal plus interest.

18 U.S.C. § 1014 and 1001 FALSE STATEMENTS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received information (Exhibit 6) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of records obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) confirmed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7) effective

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA issued a letter dated (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) providing notification that the terms and conditions of the loan were in violation (Exhibit 8). The letter served as notification that the maturity date of the loan (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) According to the letter, the amount due from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) included the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) principal; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in interest; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided a certified check to FSA in the amount of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to repay the principal and interest (Exhibit 9). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) paid the remaining (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 10), with the total loan repayment amount being (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) informed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: The certified check that was provided to FSA listed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told RA that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) could pay the loan back.

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (Exhibit 13) at the time (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) took out the FSA loan (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) believed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the loan documents.

The facts of this case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who has expressed an interest in prosecution.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-0499-0060	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Grant Fraud		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1-Director, Financial Management Division, Rural Development
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Liaison and Special Operations Division,
OIG (Hotline Complaint #PS-0347-0003)
- 1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fraudulently obtained or improperly used monies from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Grants (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which were awarded by Rural Development (RD), Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) received allegations that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) committed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The allegations stated that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA grants and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The FBI asked the Office of Inspector General, USDA, to determine if any fraudulent activity occurred with the grants (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State RD Office, USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said RD awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) G on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) G on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) grant was to be used to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) grant was to be used to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State RD Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Gs (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) grant funds.

Agent's Note: RD awarded the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) G to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State RD Office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
said on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD issued a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made
to (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD. (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to prosecute
this matter.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-0801-0046	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Employee Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1-Director, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated based on an allegation that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused Government equipment by creating, downloading, and receiving sexually explicit images on (b)(6) official Government computer.

The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) utilized government equipment, specifically a laptop computer and flash drive, to create, store, transmit, and receive sexually explicit images, videos, and e-mails. During an interview with USDA-OIG Special Agents, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) utilizing (b)(6) issued Government laptop computer.

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On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Assistant Special Agent in Charge, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent a request for investigation memorandum (Exhibit 1) informing this office that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employee (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had documents containing explicit sexual content stored on (b)(6) issued government owned computer. ASAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) further advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and had worked (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the government owned computer issued to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was entered into evidence at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) office of USDA – OIG by evidence custodian ASAC Andrew LaFleur. Continuing on this same date the computer was sent, via Fed Ex, to the USDA-Office of Inspector General, National Computer Forensic Division for analysis.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the National Computer Forensic Exam returned the completed analysis and report (Exhibit 2) to USDA-OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Forensic analysis disclosed over (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) graphic files containing pornographic images of individuals.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by Reporting Agent. Prior to the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3) in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a written sworn statement (Exhibit 4) and affirmed the following, in pertinent part:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Continuing on this same date, the government issued computer was returned to

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

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

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

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-0801-0047	DATE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct/Domestic Violence	

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: for (b)(6)
JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

1-Director, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated based on an allegation that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was involved in domestic violence with battery against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which resulted in the arrest of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was involved in a domestic violence situation; however, the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Prosecutors Office dismissed all charges based on the testimony of the defendant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted this office in reference to the arrest of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employee (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on a domestic violence charge. In addition to this request, SAC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) forwarded a copy of a Memorandum of Interview (Exhibit 1) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conducted by Special Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Also included in the request was a detailed report of the arrest (Exhibit 2) prepared by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Sheriff's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by USDA-OIG Special Agents. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a copy of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Sheriff's Office Incident Report (Exhibit 3) and a copy of the voluntary statement (Exhibit 4) provided by the victim (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Continuing on this same date, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by Reporting Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a sworn statement (Exhibit 5) as to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) domestic violence. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is currently (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated on the date in question (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed Reporting Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that were allegedly caused by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Reporting Agent noted it appeared (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] b(6), 7(c)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Reporting Agent attempted to interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) however, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined the interview without attorney representation present.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Assistant Special Agent in Charge (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted Reporting Agent and advised the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Prosecutors Office has dismissed the case against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) faxed Reporting Agent a copy of the court order (Exhibit 7) showing the dismissed charges. Reporting Agent advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG would defer to the decision of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County and not pursue further criminal action. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) further advised the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) administrative action.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-0801-0048	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Employee Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

1-Director

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

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

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1-File

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Title Continues

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

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sexually harassed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This investigation was also conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sexually harassed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) denied that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) denied that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sexually harassed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1) stated that over the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During the course (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) denied that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1) further stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) County Prosecutor, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has declined this case for
prosecution.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-2401-0085	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Misuse of Government Travel Card	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

DONALD E. MEEKS
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 2-Deputy Administrator, Administrative Management, FSIS
- 1-Assistant Administrator, Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement & Review, FSIS
- 1-Director, Personnel Policy & Partnership Division, OHRM
- 1-Associate General Counsel, Legislation, Litigation and General Law, OGC
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the United States Department Of Agriculture - Food Safety Inspection Service, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USDA-FSIS- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused the Federal Government issued VISA travel card (TC) assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused the Federal Government travel card assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in violation of the "USDA Zero Tolerance Policy", Section 6 b(7) of the USDA Government Travel Card Guidance, USDA Travel Card Regulation 2300.002 on no less than (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) occasions.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government travel card. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the proper use of the government credit card.

The facts of the case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined this case for prosecution.

MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) when interviewed stated (Exhibit 1):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) started as an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) office of USDA-FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was issued a Federal Government VISA TC that was only to be used for purchases of goods and services, i.e. travel expenses related to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) position. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attended (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A portion of the training consisted of the rules and regulations concerning the use of the Government issued VISA TC. In addition, all FSIS - (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) are given a copy of the rules related to the use of the travel card in the form of a brochure (Exhibit 2).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misuse of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government TC after (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel voucher (Exhibit 3). While reviewing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel voucher, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the charges that were charged to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) TC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) unauthorized purchases with the government-issued VISA TC assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government issued VISA TC records (Exhibit 4) revealed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) occasions from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used (b)(6) Government issued TC to purchase (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). A review of the data revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) transactions took place while (b)(6) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). These purchases were in violation of the "USDA Zero Tolerance Policy", Section 6 b(7) of the USDA Government Travel Card Guidance, USDA Travel Card Regulation 2300.002.

The purchases were as follows:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance records, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance records, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance records, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (Exhibit 7).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8). According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance sheet, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 10).

A further review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government issued VISA TC records indicate that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that were in excess of the amount allowed based on the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allowance for the temporary duty assignment. These advances were in violation the "USDA Zero Tolerance Policy", Section 6 b(7) of the USDA Government Travel Card Guidance, USDA Travel Card Regulation 2300.002:

The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were as follows:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4). The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4). A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) official travel did not begin until (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4). A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance records reveal that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 12).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attended TC Training (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The purpose of this training was to explain the proper usage of the Federal Government issued VISA TC (Exhibit 13).

A further review of records indicate that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government issued VISA TC assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) occasions after attending training on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The purchases (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were as follows:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 14). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 15).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 14). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 travel records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 15)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 14). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 14). A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 14). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 travel records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 16)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 14). A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 10). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) travel
 records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 17)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) informing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government TC was deactivated (Exhibit 18).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) subsequently (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explaining (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) use of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government TC (Exhibit 19). In
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had never
 used the Government TC for personal reasons and never loaned or allowed anyone else to use (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 card.

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) when interviewed stated (Exhibits 21 & 22)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) could not explain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Government TC or uses of the Government TC while (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6);
Government TC has always been in (b)(6) possession. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has never let
anyone use it. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government TC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) did not intentionally misuse (b)(6) Government credit card. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of the case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined this case for prosecution.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-2401-0087	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

JOE N. SMITH

Acting Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service, (FSIS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during duty hours or while driving the Government Owned Vehicle (GOV) assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and misused (b)(6) GOV.

The investigation was unable to corroborate the allegations of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during duty hours, however, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the GOV.

The United States Attorney's Office for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined this case for prosecution.

DETAILS

During the course of the investigation, surveillance was conducted on the GOV assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The surveillance did not corroborate the allegations of misuse of the GOV.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided consent to search the GOV assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GOV. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department confiscated these items and put them into evidence.

Agent's Note: A police dog was used to search the interior of the GOV. The K-9

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that the dog was not alerting on any specific area but acting strangely. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) asked (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibits 2 & 3) was interviewed concerning the allegations against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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The results of this investigation were presented to the United States Attorney's Office for the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) which has declined prosecution in this matter.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-2401-0091	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) acted in a manner inconsistent with the rules and regulations of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) position by demanding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from facilities assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for inspection.

The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was demanding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from employees at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) called (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to meet with OIG to discuss the allegations of misconduct. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS notified OIG that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

MISCONDUCT

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG received information alleging misconduct by USDA-FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was assigned inspection duties at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) facilities including (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is where (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made the complaints against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) It was alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) tenure at the facility.

From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviews of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were conducted regarding the conduct of the inspector. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) began by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated they (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated they (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated

(b)(6) office was in the process of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) talked to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about meeting with OIG to discuss the allegations of misconduct. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The U.S. Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined prosecution of this case when informed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: CH-2701-0022	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Misuse of Government Credit Card	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE (USDA-FNS), misused the Federal Government issued VISA travel card (TC) assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

This investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused the Federal Government travel card (no less than (b)(6) times) assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in violation of the “USDA Zero Tolerance Policy”, Section 6 b(7) of the USDA Government Travel Card Guidance, USDA Travel Card Regulation 2300.002.

MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT TRAVEL CARD

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Food & Nutrition Service and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed (Exhibit 1) at their office located at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) substantially stated the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FNS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was dismissed from (b)(6) position with FNS for alleged employee misconduct – misuse/abuse of (b)(6) government issued travel card. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government travel card for personal use which is a violation of the rules and regulations of (b)(6) travel card. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

After (b)(6) dismissal, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of records indicates that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made (b)(6) transactions from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with the Government issued VISA travel card assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2). These transactions were non-official business related and totaled \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). These purchases were in violation the “USDA Zero Tolerance Policy”, Section 6 b(7) of the USDA Government Travel Card Guidance, USDA Travel Card Regulation 2300.002.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government computer was submitted to the USDA – Office of Inspector General (OIG) - National Computer Forensics Division (USDA-OIG-NCFD) for analysis. USDA-OIG-NCFD provided a report of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) computer. Included were materials relating to suspected pornographic images, documents relating to Travel Card Training, Policy and Procedures report, and Documents of Potential Interest Report. Specifically, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) accessed USDA Departmental Government Travel Card Regulations (Exhibit 3). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also wrote a letter addressed to “(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)” (Exhibit 4). In summary, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admits to taking the on-line training for the GSA Travel Card but has no recollection of doing so.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reached a settlement agreement with FNS (Exhibit 5). In which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned voluntary and is not allowed to apply for any future position within the USDA.

The facts of the case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined this case for prosecution.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-2748-1409	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Food Stamp Trafficking (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were trafficking in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food stamp benefits via the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system. Investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was conducted jointly with the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI), and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State Police (SP).

Investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) actively purchased food stamp benefits (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) from at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) undercover operations took place at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during which the aforementioned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) Reporting Agent, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a federal search warrant was executed at the premises of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and over \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was seized from the bank account of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). During an interview with USDA-OIG Special Agents, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) voluntarily executed a written sworn statement, during which (b)(6) confessed to purchasing food stamp benefits for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted that both (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) purchased food stamps at a rate of \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of food stamp benefits.

Conservative estimates of food stamp fraud attributed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) range between \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM BACKGROUND

In 2001, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) began converting from a traditional paper food stamp coupon system to what is known as an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Stores approved to participate in the Food Stamp Program are issued a food stamp authorization number. To access the electronic funds on the EBT card, authorized vendors are also provided with a "point of sale device" (POS), which serves to debit recipients' food stamp account for the cash value of eligible food items purchased.

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

Pursuant to the Food Stamp Act, recipients are permitted to exchange food stamp benefits only for eligible food items. Food stamp transactions are completed via use of an EBT card, and these purchases can only take place at stores authorized by USDA to accept food stamp benefits. By law, food stamp benefits cannot be exchanged or redeemed for cash. Authorized stores can lawfully exchange food stamp benefits for eligible food items only, and not for items such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vitamins, medicines, pet foods, or cash.

7 USC 2024(B) - ILLEGAL ACQUISITION OF FOOD STAMPS
18 USC 1029 – ACCESS DEVICE FRAUD

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

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

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is the subject of a separate USDA-OIG investigation, reported under case number Ch-2748-1408.

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) completed and signed USDA-FNS Form 252 Food Stamp Application for Stores (Exhibit 1) and submitted the form to USDA-FNS. In completing the application, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) certified, in pertinent part: 1) (b)(6) attended retailer orientation held by FNS and thoroughly reviewed the Food Stamp Program rules and regulations; 2) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is illegal and could result in permanent disqualification from the Food Stamp Program as well as criminal prosecution; and 3) it is (b)(6) responsibility to ensure that all full-time and part-time employees are properly instructed regarding the Food Stamp Program regulations.

USDA-FNS conducted a statistical comparison of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) similar convenience store businesses located in the area of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Based on this comparison, the average monthly food stamp volume at comparable stores was determined to be approximately \$(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). This analysis used food stamp transaction data from a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and compared convenience store businesses similar to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of like size, inventory, and geographic location. During the period of comparison, monthly food stamp volumes at (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) averaged \$(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) above the average monthly volume of comparable stores. The comparison provided by USDA-FNS is represented in the chart below.

Average Redemption Comparison

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

According to food stamp program application documents signed and submitted to USDA-FNS by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) total annual eligible retail food sales (including cash, credit, and food stamps) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ranged from (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 2) to (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 1). From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp transactions alone at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) total over (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) Reporting Agent facilitated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) undercover operations at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG, IRS-CI, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SP officers simultaneously executed a search warrant on the premises (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and well as a seizure warrant on the bank account receiving electronic food stamp deposits on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Execution of the aforementioned seizure warrant yielded \$(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) U.S. Currency.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG Special Agents interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Following the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) voluntarily executed a written sworn statement (Exhibit 7), during which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) affirmed the following, in pertinent part:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FRAUD ATTRIBUTED TO (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Following execution of the search warrant in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp redemptions at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) have averaged \$ (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per month from (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Assuming this average reflects legitimate food stamp redemption activity at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conservative estimates of food stamp fraud attributed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) exceed \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A chart detailing monthly food stamp redemption activity and related fraud amounts (Exhibit 8) accompanies this report.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has agreed to prosecute (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding this matter.



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-2753-0075	DATE:	DEC 23 2010
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	WIC Fraud Public Corruption		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: for (b)(6)
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employee, was involved in the sale of benefits allocated to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was conducted jointly with the Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

Investigation disclosed that from approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold WIC benefits (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) WIC program. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold WIC

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG Special Agents coordinated an extensive undercover operation. As part of the investigation, Cooperating Witnesses were used to facilitate numerous undercover meetings, during which WIC benefits were purchased from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in exchange (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG Special Agents executed Federal search warrants; a search warrant was executed at the WIC office where (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) worked, another was executed at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) residence. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by USDA-OIG Special Agents, and confessed to selling WIC benefits in exchange (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was arrested by USDA-OIG Special Agents and formally charged in U.S. District Court for WIC fraud in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1760.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in Federal prison, and ordered to pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is currently incarcerated at a Federal Bureau of Prisons facility in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

42 USC 1760 – WIC FRAUD

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was initiated based on information provided to **Reporting Agent** from a **Cooperating Witness (CW)**. The CW provided information that a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employee, known as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was selling WIC coupons to people in exchange for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The CI also identified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

sale of WIC coupons (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) WIC coupons. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employee working at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Michigan.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG Special Agents interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1), an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following, in pertinent part: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Michigan.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of WIC coupons in exchange for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

WIC benefits (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold WIC coupons to other individuals. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-OIG Special Agents (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the investigation.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) selling WIC coupons. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) working in cooperation with USDA-OIG Special Agents and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) Michigan.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

WIC benefits are generally issued to recipients quarterly, and WIC clients receive a three month supply of benefits per issuance. During the aforementioned transactions, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

a Federal search warrant was executed on the premises of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Michigan. Numerous documents, including WIC client files, employee time records, and benefit issuance logs, were seized pursuant to the search warrant. Among the items seized, was a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Reporting Agent interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted to selling WIC benefits since (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold WIC benefits to people (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that people purchasing WIC benefits from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the WIC program, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) WIC benefits (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) WIC benefits (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sold WIC benefits to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted to selling WIC coupons to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Conservative estimates of loss attributable to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 These loss amounts are based on the conservative assumption that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) only sold WIC
 benefits to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was arrested by USDA-OIG Special Agents and formally
 charged in U.S. District Court for WIC fraud in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section
 1760.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in Federal prison, and
 ordered to pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in restitution (Exhibit 3). Prosecution of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was handled by the
 U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern Judicial District of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-3031-0003	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: U.S. Grain Standards Act; False Statements	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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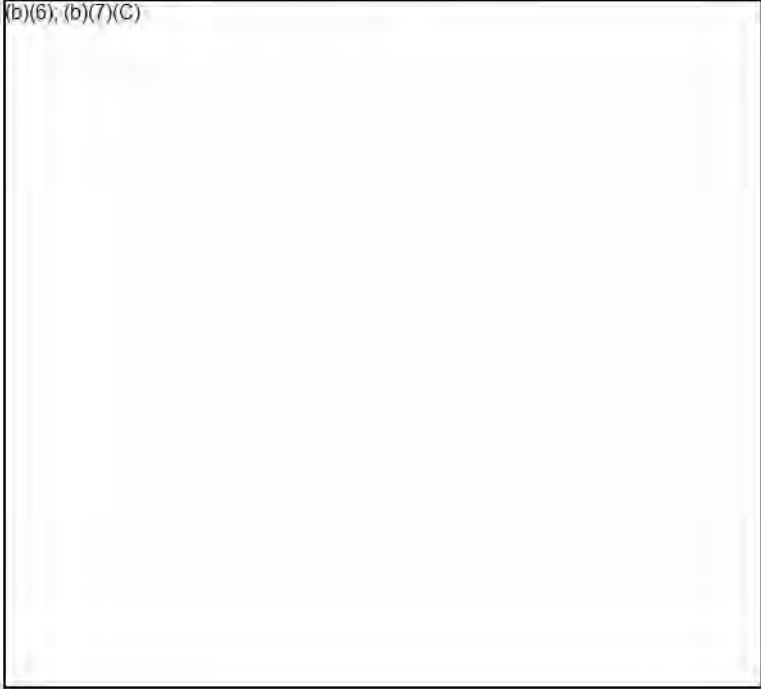
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TITLE (Cont'd.)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) violated the United States Grain Standards Act by causing the issuance of false grain inspection certificates.

The investigation disclosed that when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) grain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) they documented collecting official grain samples on railcars (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The investigation further disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) grain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) grain inspection certificates.

From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) benefited from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA official grain inspection certificates that had a value of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

United States Grain Standards Act of 1976 (USGSA). The primary purpose of this Act was to provide a standard to certify the quality of grain as accurately and practicable for the promotion and protection of commerce in the interests of producers, merchandisers, warehousemen, processors, and consumers of grain for the general welfare of the people of the United States.

Additionally, the Act was established to promote a uniform application by official inspection personnel, provide an official inspection system of grain, and to regulate weighing and certification of the weight of grain shipped in interstate or foreign commerce.

To accomplish and maintain the primary purpose of this Act, Congress created the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) to monitor, provide guidance and assistance to state, local government and/or private agencies designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct official grain inspections. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection are two (2) of many agencies designated this authority.

The Act is compromised of terms that are well defined to minimize confusion and misunderstanding in the grain community. It is perhaps the most essential part of the Act. The understanding and usage of the term "official sample" is a very important factor in obtaining an official grain certificate. An official sample is the most accurate representation of a specific quantity of grain identified by official inspection personnel. The term "official inspection personnel" is a person licensed and authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture to perform all or specified functions involved in an official inspection, which is the determination and certification by official inspection personnel of the kind, class, quality or condition of grain under the standards of this Act. Once an official sample has been collected and inspected by official inspection personnel, an official U.S. grade is placed on the grain stipulating the quality of that specific lot. That particular lot is rendered an official certificate identifying the U.S grade quality from which the official sample was taken. In cases where an official certificate is issued as a result of a sample not being an official sample, the certificate would be labeled as a false official certificate.

Without the Act, the quality characteristics of the grain sold here in the U.S. and abroad would be questionable. When a consumer purchases U.S. graded grain that has an official grain certificate designation, they believe the grain has been tested and is of a particular quality. The designation would provide the farmer with invaluable information on foreign material, insect infestation, oil content, pesticides residue, protein, and aflatoxin associated with the grain. The U.S. grade on official certificates is representative of the official grain samples collected by licensed official inspection personnel.

The Federal regulations governing the U.S. Grain Standards Act are contained in 7 CFR Chapter 8, Part 800-868 and 7 USC 71 - 87. Specifically, 7 USC 87(b) provides the prohibited acts under this Act.

VIOLATION OF THE U. S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT – 7 USC 87b

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FALSE STATEMENTS – 18 USC 1001

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of the USDA-Grain Inspection, Packers And Stockyards (GIPSA), preliminary investigative report (Exhibit 1) revealed that a train of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

official grain

inspection certificates (Exhibit 2) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

As the grain was being unloaded, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

As a result, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

requested official grades from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

who is designated by USDA to conduct official grain inspections. The inspection

conducted by the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) service (Exhibit 3) confirmed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from the original official grain inspection certificates. GIPSA personnel prepared a chart (Exhibit 4) that compared the two grade inspections (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

certified the grade as U.S. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) certified the grade as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Exhibit 5) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 6), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) official grain samples using the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The

records received from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1 Page 21-

80) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed that (b)(6) of the railcars that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were transported from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

with the remaining (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) railcars being transported on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A review of an (b)(6) dated

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 7), revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) worked on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

At the request of USDA-OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA-GIPSA, completed an analysis and comparison of records (Exhibit 8) from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which revealed the following information:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3); Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

An additional analysis and comparison of the records coupled with the capability of the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) The records revealed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) documented (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of
the railcars that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C); (b)(3), Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview (Exhibit 1, Page 11-13 of 80) with USDA-GIPSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview (Exhibit 15) with USDA-OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview (Exhibit 16) with USDA-OIG and GIPSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed

(Exhibit 17) and stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's note: In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 19) and stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 20) and stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined a second interview and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 21) and stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed (Exhibit 22) and stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview (Exhibit 23) with USDA-GIPSA, (b)(6) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 24) with USDA-OIG and GIPSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) believes the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 1 Page 5-7 of 80) with USDA-GIPSA (b)(6) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 25) with USDA-OIG and GIPSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 26) with USDA-OIG and GIPSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) insists (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) could not explain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by
USDA-GIPSA (Exhibit I Page 21-23 of 80) and stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case was presented to United States Attorney's Office in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
and is being considered for criminal prosecution.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Great Plains Region
Kansas City, Missouri



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	KC-0199-0024	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Conflict of Interest Relating to Post-Retirement Consulting		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), violated Title 18, U.S.C. Section 207, which restricts certain former federal employees from post-retirement employment matters.

Investigation disclosed that as soon as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired from AMS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received advice from an AMS Ethics Officer after (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired from AMS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES – 18 U.S.C. § 207

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requested an investigation (Exhibit 1) relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and a possible violation of Title 18, U.S.C. 207. Attached to the request were complaints (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) post-retirement (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 2) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) While (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) worked at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retirement, AMS received complaints (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) working for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 3) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was employed by USDA for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired from AMS as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) prior to retiring, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spoke (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spoke with USDA Ethics Officer (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about doing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also spoke with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a USDA Ethics Officer.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6) had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 said (Exhibit 6) that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ethics Officer, USDA, said that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained
 to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that as long as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS,
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AMS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 would not be in violation of USDA post-employment restrictions (Exhibit 7). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) prepared a
 memorandum after (b)(6) conversation with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8).

An Assistant U.S. Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to pursue this matter for criminal prosecution.



**United States Department of Agriculture
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Great Plains Region
Kansas City, Missouri**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	KC-0301-0302	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	False Statements, Embezzlement, and Employee Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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DETAILS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), made false statements and/or embezzled funds from the FSA while (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

EMBEZZLEMENT – 18 U.S.C. 657
FALSE STATEMENTS – 18 U.S.C. 1001

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, USDA, provided a Report of Investigation and supporting documentation concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and evidence annotating (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1).

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a sworn statement, dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which is incorporated in Exhibit 1.

Investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned (b)(6) position with FSA on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of this case have been discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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**United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Great Plains Region
Kansas City, Missouri**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	KC-0301-0305	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Theft of Government Funds		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) former (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Farm Service Agency (FSA), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), while employed with FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation disclosed that between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA funds (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS – 18 U.S.C. § 641

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 1) that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A short time later, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that around (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA County Office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 3) that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2), date-stamped (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 showed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that on the morning of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) later discovered that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (Exhibit 4).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that the FSA policy states that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5) states that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA,
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spoke (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about the allegation.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 6) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained
 what (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 on the evening of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the FSA County
 Office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) expressed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2), was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA on the morning of
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the conflict of interest policy.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that later in the day, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA County Office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) asked

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS or FSA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) later, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7) showed that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (Exhibit 8), and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9), that on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not sure (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6) knew the conflict of interest policy that stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In the morning, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FSA County Office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 10) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

conducted a polygraph examination on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) maintained that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had been an employee with FSA since (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA allowed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to resign (Exhibit 12).

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Great Plains Region
Kansas City, Missouri



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: KC-1001-0069	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Ethics Violation by a Retired USDA Employee	

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

JAMES L. MENDENHALL
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1-Deputy Chief for Management, NRCS
- 1-Assistant Inspector General – Investigations, OIG
- 1-File

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DETAILS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), committed ethics violations regarding post-employment restrictions.

18 U.S.C. 207 – Restrictions on Former Officers, Employees, and Elected Officials

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, stated (Exhibit 1) that in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired from NRCS and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) prior to retirement. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2), notified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) post-employment restrictions. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) post-retirement actions and conduct were in compliance with USDA Ethics Standards.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 3) that (b)(6) had been employed by NRCS as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) retired on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as NRCS's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) After (b)(6) retired from NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) violate Ethics Standards regarding (b)(6) post-employment. After receiving the letter from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not violate any post-employment requirements.

The U.S. Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to pursue prosecution in this matter.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Great Plains Region
Kansas City, Missouri



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	KC-1001-74	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Conflicts of Interest / Employee Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

JAMES L. MENDENHALL
Special Agent-in-Charge

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1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
1-File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation was further conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) outside of (b)(6) NRCS employment, or if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) served as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation further disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6) worked at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH – 5 CFR 2635.502

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 1) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 2) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and performed duties as the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Specifically, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 3) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 4) that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 5) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (Exhibit 6) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 7) that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State NRCS Office, provided a copy of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8) which specifically instructed employees (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An Assistant U.S. Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined prosecution.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Great Plains Region
Kansas City, Missouri



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	KC-2434-90	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Adulteration of Meat Products		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY

(b)(6)

JAMES L. MENDENHALL
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1-Assistant Administrator, Office of Program Evaluation Enforcement, and Review, FSIS, Washington, D.C.
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1-File

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DETAILS

This investigation was initiated in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to monitor and assist, as needed, the Food Safety Inspection Service, Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Review (OPEER), with its investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) prepared and shipped adulterated meat products and/or knowingly made false entries on official company documents.

In its Report of Investigation (Exhibit 1), FSIS-OPEER determined that it could not substantiate the allegations. As a result, FSIS-OPEER closed its investigation and file.

Based on the above, no further investigation will be conducted by this office.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS**

*Northeast Region
Beltsville, Maryland*



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-1099-0004	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Personnel	

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

BRIAN L. HAASER
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1 – Deputy Chief for Management, NRCS
- 1 – Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
- 1 – Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigations Liaison & Special Operations
Division, OIG, (PS-1099-0119)
- 1 – File

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fraudulently allowed NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to charge individual hours worked to one Farm Bill program (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) while actually working on other programs. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were alleged to have charged hours worked to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) while (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) actually worked on the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in fiscal years (FY) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigation disclosed that NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not misreport allocated billable hours charged to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Farm Bill programs for FY (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

US CODE, TITLE 31, SECTION 1301 states in part monies appropriated by Congress, requires funds be used only for programs and purposes for which the appropriations is made.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS
US CODE, TITLE 31, SECTION 1301

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided information and records which in part showed the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This program is funded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and administered by NRCS.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This program is funded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS providing technical services.
 NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Under the Farm Bill (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Under the Farm Bill NRCS is mandated to provide the following service for farmers or landowners who signed up/or prepare an application for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, USDA,
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided information and records which in part
showed the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and provided the following information:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided
the following information:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This matter has been discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who advised this case had no evidence to warrant a prosecution.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS**

*Northeast Region
Beltsville, Maryland*



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-5801-0005	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Personnel	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

BRIAN L. HAASER
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1 – Associate Chief Information Officer for Cyber Security, OCIO
- 1 – Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused (b)(6) assigned government vehicle and violated Time and Attendance rules.

Investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did misuse (b)(6) assigned government vehicle and violated USDA Time and Attendance policy.

5 CFR § 2635.704 - USE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
5 CFR § 2635.705 - USE OF OFFICIAL TIME

DEPARTMENT REGULATION 4070-735-001 Section 12
EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND
CONDUCT – ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, OCIO, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided the following:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) office assisting with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided the following information:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) it was decided to place (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on administrative leave pending the outcome of the OIG investigation.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided the following information:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was given (b)(6)

administrative warnings and provided a sworn statement (Exhibit 2) which stated in part the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) but did not intend to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had no intentions of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case was declined for criminal prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's Office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in favor of administrative action.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS**

*Northeast Region
Beltsville, Maryland*



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-1601-0003	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Misconduct/Mismanagement	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

BRIAN L. HAASER
Special Agent-in-Charge

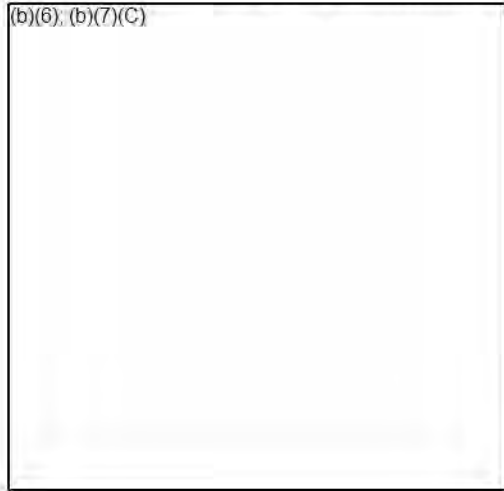
Distribution:

- 1 – Assistant General Counsel, Washington, D.C.
- 1 – SAC, Investigations Liaison & Special Operations Division, (PS-1601-0031)
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Title Continued

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



SYNOPSIS

The investigation was initiated based on an anonymous hotline complaint filed against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The complaint alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) engaged in the following acts of misconduct:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation did not substantiate the allegations regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed during this investigation and none of the misconduct allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were substantiated.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and firmly denied each and every allegation made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and denied the allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained how (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) actions conformed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) proper role in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) process.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and also firmly denied all of the allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Since no evidence of criminal activity was uncovered, this case was not referred to the Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The anonymous complaint (Exhibit 1) alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) engaged in the following acts of misconduct:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed (Exhibit 2), including the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) None of these interviews substantiated the allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) No evidence was found to support (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Exhibit 3 is a table summary of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegation.

Exhibit 4 is a table summary of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegation. Not one (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) witness interviewed had any knowledge of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conducted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Exhibit 5 is a table summary of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegation. The investigation found no evidence to support the allegation that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Exhibit 6 is a table summary of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegation. No evidence was found to support this allegation.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 7) and firmly denied each and every allegation made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 8) and denied each of the allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 9) and denied each of the allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation did not substantiate any of the allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Consequently, this investigation was not discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0801-0598

DATE

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

LORI CHAN
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

1-Director, Law Enforcement & Investigations, Forest Service, Arlington, VA
1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
1-File

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DETAILS

This investigation was initiated based upon a referral from the USDA Forest Service (FS), Law Enforcement and Investigations branch and was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sexually assaulted
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PD), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was the primary law enforcement agency which conducted and investigated the sexual assault allegation. In the initial (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PD's report (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a statement to the police and went into details on how (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was allegedly sexually assaulted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The initial report also disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the investigation, the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PD's detective located (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and other subsequent interviews, the detective interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS special agent also interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The details of that interview were included in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PD's supplemental report since the detective attached a copy to the report (Exhibit 2).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the same detective interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told the detective that
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent (RA) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Based on the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [redacted]
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [redacted] the lack of evidence, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [redacted] PD closed their case as unfounded. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [redacted] also contacted the detective and advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [redacted] no longer wanted to pursue the case and wanted it closed (Exhibit 2).

AGENT'S NOTE: Due to the fact that personal identifying information was removed, (Exhibits 2 and 3) are incomplete.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0801-0616

DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: False Statements

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY:

✓ LORI CHAN
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated to investigate allegations that Forest Service (FS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had been falsely claiming hours worked on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) official time and attendance documents.

The allegations were based upon (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the investigation did not substantiate allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not working during the dates in question. The investigation was unable to substantiate any provable falsification of time and attendance by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1001
STATEMENTS OR ENTITIES GENERALLY

Office of Inspector General (OIG) reviewed documents provided by FS that included a detailed list of dates and times, along with a selection of dated digital photos, showing when

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This information was compared with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance information, and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This comparison disclosed what FS believed were inconsistencies. FS provided the following chart detailing the questionable dates and their evidence.

		(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Date	T&A Code/Times	
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information in substance.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to set up an interview.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent (RA) after (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) agreed to the interview.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) met agents at the OIG

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OIG agents subsequently (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was declining the interview.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) departure, RA telephonically contacted the assigned AUSA in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to discuss the particulars of the case. The AUSA subsequently provided a verbal declination regarding possible criminal charges.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was subsequently contacted and advised of the declination relating to criminal charges and advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) later contacted the RA and stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would be willing to meet on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AGENT'S NOTE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) later confirmed that after being notified by
RA that the AUSA had declined criminal prosecution, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RA to set up the next day's interview.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and stated the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Based upon (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

No allegations of falsely claiming hours on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) time and attendance were substantiated.

No further contact with the AUSA in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sought after criminal prosecution was declined on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0801-0639

DATE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Misuse of Government Travel Credit Card

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY

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1 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) @fs.fed.us

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Forest Service (FS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government Travel Credit Card (GTCC).

The investigation revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used the GTCC when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) substantiated the allegations against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Government Travel Credit Card Departmental Regulation 2300-001

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1) was interviewed and stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC account (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided (b)(6) a written statement.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2) was interviewed and stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FS office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: At the time of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

a GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided a statement to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The following is a summary of the statement:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC prior to

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the FS office.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the FS office. On that date,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During this time

period, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided information obtained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC. The following is a summary:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 8) was interviewed and provided the following information:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: Reporting Agent (RA) provided (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the RA copies of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the RA a copy of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by the RA and stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 the GTCC.

Agent's Note: RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) believed the
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the RA a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement. The following is a
 summary of the statement:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the GTCC because
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was not discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney's office.



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0801-0651

DATE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Bribery of a Public Official

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Forest Service (FS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA),
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) accepted bribes in exchange for purchasing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Title 18 USC § 201, BRIBERY OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FS.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided the Reporting

Agent (RA) a history of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case was discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), and an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) both of which declined to prosecute (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) due to a lack of prosecutorial merit.

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Western Region
San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-2401-0091

DATE: JAN 29 2010

TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY:

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employed with the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) tampered with evidence.

This investigation verified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is a Federal employee. It is unknown what (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) tampered with evidence (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) refused to make a statement regarding the allegations against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OREGON REVISED STATUTE, 162.295, TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE
OREGON REVISED STATUTE, 164.045, THEFT II

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Bureau (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PB) responded to an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PB Officers responded and conducted an investigation.

The following four interviews were conducted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PB:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS, USDA, was interviewed and stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PB (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PB Officer (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the police (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PB Detective (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the Reporting Agent (RA) attempted to interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to answer any questions and invoked (b)(6) right to remain silent.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) subsequently placed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under arrest for Oregon State law violations.

The facts of this case are known to a Deputy District Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who is prosecuting this case for Oregon Revised Statute 162.295, Tampering with Evidence and 164.045, Theft II.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
WESTERN REGION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-3315-1

DATE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: SMUGGLING GOODS INTO THE UNITED STATES
ORGANISMS AND VECTORS-PERMITS REQUIRED

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) brought into the United States a vial of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine, without registration or permit from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The investigation confirmed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) smuggled into the United States a vial of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine, without USDA permit from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) failed to declare to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

The vial of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine was seized and sent to the USDA Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) where it was confirmed that the vial contained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

SMUGGLING GOODS INTO THE UNITED STATES-18 USC § 545ORGANISMS AND VECTORS-PERMITS REQUIRED-9 CFR 122.2

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) arrived at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) CBP Passenger Inspection Unit (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) CBP (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided an incident report on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that summarized the CBP seizure of a vial of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following in substance (Exhibit 3) about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CBP (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) incident, CBP x-rays of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) luggage revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine and was advised by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine into the United States. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The vial of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine was seized by CBP.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the vial of alleged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine from CBP on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA FADDL, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for testing.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) noted the following (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4 & Exhibit 5):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Investigative Enforcement Services (IES), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following in substance telephonically:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed that the vial seized by CBP was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) because the vaccine would not harm anyone. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Upon further screening by CBP officials, an x-ray machine revealed the presence of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine vial within (b)(6) luggage. CBP officials removed the vial from (b)(6) luggage and began to question (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) further. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) CBP seized the vial of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CBP (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

to Reporting Agent (RA) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
stated in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A list of questions was forwarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccines through USDA, APHIS and RA to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RA received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) response (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which stated in substance (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a digital photo of their (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) vaccine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Immigration & Customs Enforcement (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a copy of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) passport and Customs Declaration Form 6059B, which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had filled out upon entry into the United States on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11). A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Form 6059B revealed the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and stated the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined criminal prosecution.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0301-0136	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct/Mismanagement	

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY: LORI CHAN
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) inappropriately released loan funds to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) **released** (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **or**
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and provided a written statement. The investigation concluded that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) failed to follow established FSA procedures.

BACKGROUND

The following documents were obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) file:

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) FSA received the following documents from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C):

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA received the following documents from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

A spreadsheet dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5). The spreadsheet estimated expenses for a period of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3) 501(c)(3) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(3) 501(c)(3) from

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

7 Code of Federal Regulations (Parts 761 and 766)
Farm Service Agency, USDA – Loan Servicing; Farm Loan Programs

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

Agent's Note: The Reporting Agent (RA) conducted a review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) file. There
were no financial records provided by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

Agent's Note:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

refused to provide any information to the RA regarding the transaction without a subpoena.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: The RA attempted to interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA spoke advised an interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would not be allowed.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided the following (Exhibit 15): was interviewed and

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and provided a written statement. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following in substance:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA had programs which offer

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case was not discussed with the United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) because (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has not committed a criminal violation.

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United States Department of Agriculture
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San Francisco, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-2401-0092	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

LORI CHAN
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1-Assistant Administrator, OPEER, FSIS
- 1-Director, Internal Control Staff, Food Safety Inspection Service
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- 1-SAC-ILHD, Investigations, OIG (PS-2401-0277)
- 1-File

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DETAILS

This investigation was conducted in response to allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), committed extortion and embezzlement; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OIG became aware of the fact that USDA FSIS had conducted an investigation of the alleged misconduct by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to include (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) however FSIS could not substantiate the allegations.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the anonymous complainant (AC) was interviewed regarding the allegations. The AC provided the following information in summary:

The embezzlement and extortion by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was committed when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA FSIS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding the allegations against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information in summary:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was investigated by the Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement and Review (OPEER). OPEER did not find any wrongdoing.

AGENT NOTE: OIG referred the computer analysis (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to FSIS. OIG follow up with FSIS revealed that the computer (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an analysis could not be completed.

The allegations against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were not substantiated during the course of this investigation; therefore the investigation is being closed without further action by this office.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-2401-0093

DATE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

TITLE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: False Official Statements

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

LORI CHAN
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated to investigate allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had been falsely claiming overtime hours worked on their official time and attendance documents.

This investigation did not substantiate the allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were falsely claiming overtime.

TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1001
STATEMENTS OR ENTITIES GENERALLY

On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation concerning allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charging overtime hours (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Among the allegations, were claims that during times charged for overtime, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AGENT'S NOTE: The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) situation involved (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was contacted to provide (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) information on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding the FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and provided additional background (Exhibit 2):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) agreed to provide RA with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following in substance (Exhibit 3):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) later contacted RA and advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed, and provided the following (Exhibit 4):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed and stated the following in substance
 (Exhibit 5):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the
 following in substance (Exhibit 6):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by RA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the
 following (Exhibit 7):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and provided the following (Exhibit 8):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated the following in substance (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated the following in substance (Exhibit 10):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated the following in substance (Exhibit 11):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In summary, based on the interviews of the FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of this investigation did not substantiate violations of criminal law. Due to a lack of any substantive proof of fraudulent activity on the part of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this investigation was not discussed with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Attorney's Office.

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United States Department of Agriculture
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	SF-3340-0039	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Smuggling		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY: VLOR CHAN
Special Agent-in-Charge

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DETAILS

The investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was responsible for the illegal importation of various products from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The investigation was based on information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Investigative and Enforcement Service (IES).

During the months of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) routine agricultural inspections conducted by Customs Border Protection and USDA discovered prohibited products from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) destined for various American companies to include (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) When (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was re-interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted that

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An importation alert was placed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Importation records indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this investigation was declined for criminal prosecution in furtherance of USDA's pursuit of civil fines against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, APHIS/IES submitted the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) investigation to the civil court for consideration in fines against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Initially, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was assessed a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fine, however in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the civil penalties were negotiated down to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

With the criminal and civil actions completed in this investigation, the case will be closed.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-0101-0102	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Misconduct/Misuse of Government Computer	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

THOMAS J. PETKO, JR.
Acting Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated in response to allegations that the government owned computer assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Agricultural Marketing Service, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contained child pornography.

The investigation disclosed that there was no child pornography on either of the government owned computers issued to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). However, forensic analysis located adult pornography and related Internet history exclusively under (b)(6) user profile and login.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and denied ever viewing or seeking out child pornography. However, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Directive 3300.1 states that AMS employees may not “view, download, store, transmit or copy materials that are sexually explicit or sexually oriented, related to gambling, illegal weapons, terrorist activities or any other prohibited activities.”

Additionally, 5 CFR 2635.101 (9) states that “employees shall protect and conserve Federal property and shall not use it for other than authorized activities.”

DETAILS

During this investigation, Reporting Agent (RA) reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) official employment records as well as time and attendance reports (Exhibit 1), which disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employed as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Agricultural Marketing Service, in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has been an USDA employee for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

RA reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AgLearn training history (Exhibit 2), which disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) annually received and completed training regarding the authorized use of government computers and ethics in the workplace.

Exhibit 3 is a copy of the two warning banners used by AMS, which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was required to acknowledge and click past in order to log on to (b)(6) work computers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of the Inspector General (OIG), National Computer Forensics Division (NCFD), issued a report of examination (Exhibit 4) regarding their review and analysis of the components from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA issued computers. Forensic analysis located adult pornography and related Internet history exclusively under (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) user profile and login, which was accessed between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Exhibit 5 is a summary spreadsheet detailing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government issued computers. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) issued a report (Exhibit 6) regarding their review and analysis of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) personal e-mail addresses to determine if the e-mail addresses were associated with known child pornography websites or related databases. NCMEC found no evidence of child pornography activities associated with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) personal e-mail addresses.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and provided a sworn statement (Exhibit 7).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney representing the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined prosecution on this investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-201-80	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	ARS	
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

ABELINO FARIAS, JR.
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Agricultural Research Service (ARS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the use of a USDA computer on property owned by the Government of the United States, viewed pornography and solicited sex (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation determined that a government computer located in the USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contained adult pornography, a personal advertisement (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted to viewing pornography, posting a personal ad soliciting sexual acts, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through the use of the government computer and while on duty at the ARS laboratory.

BACKGROUND

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent (RA) received information from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was being investigated by the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department for allegedly soliciting sex (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) via the internet.

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On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA briefed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on the allegations. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA to gain access to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) worked. A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) computer, serial number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) belonging to ARS, and external storage media located in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) work space were obtained (Exhibit 1) by the RA.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (Exhibit 2) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), someone representing themselves as a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) All of this activity happened while at work using the ARS computer (Exhibit 1) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) also stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent' Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the ARS computer and external storage media were sent to the USDA-OIG National Computer Forensics Unit (NCFU) for forensic examination. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NCFU, completed a Report of Examination (Exhibit 3) of the hard drive contained on the ARS computer and the external media

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Due to the graphic nature of the data, images, and Report of Examination exhibits, the information was not included in this report.

An Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

declined prosecution. (b)(5) the investigation was terminated.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-217-1	DATE: February 27, 2004
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	(TITLE CONTINUES)	
CASE TYPE:	Bribery, False Claims	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

J.J. CROWLEY
Special Agent-in-Charge

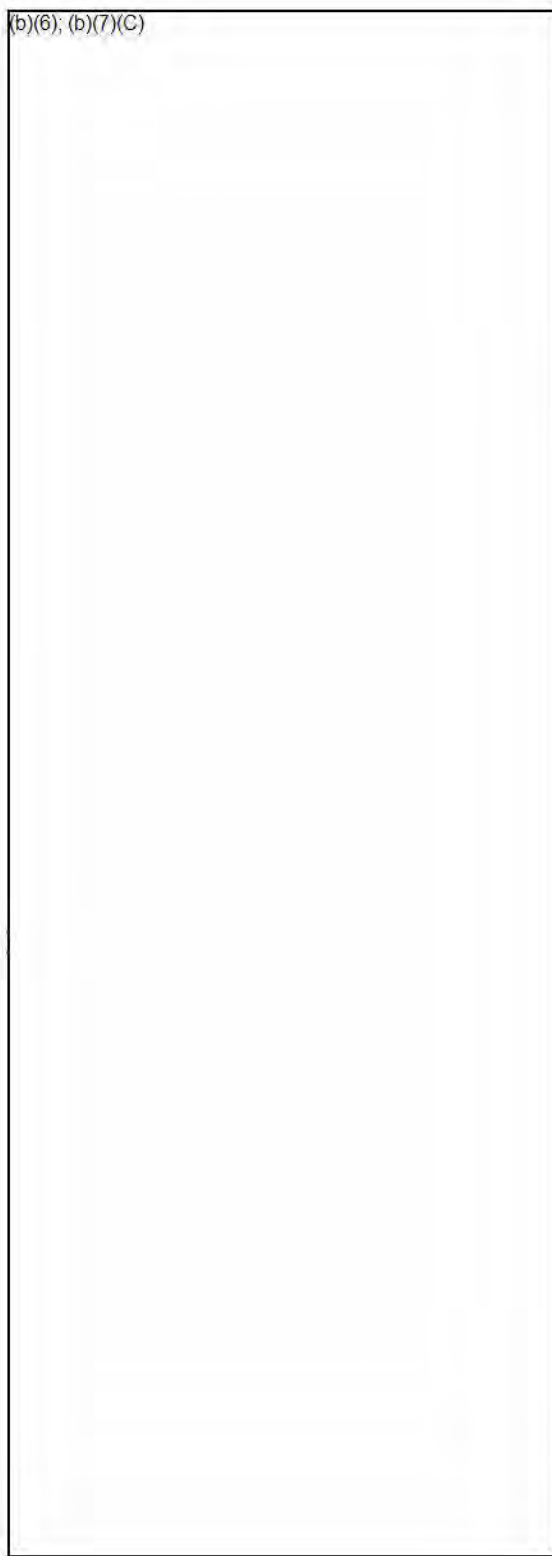
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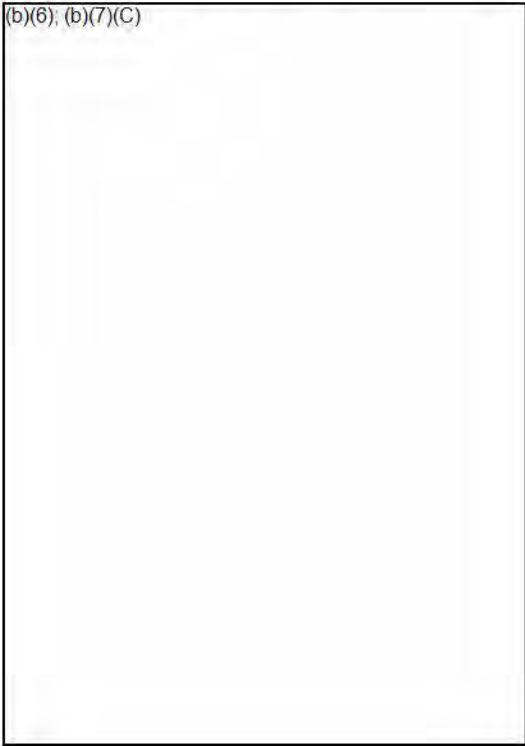
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) demanded and received kickbacks and gratuities from contractors bidding on contracts awarded from USDA, ARS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The investigation revealed that from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fraudulently awarded (b)(6) contracts totaling (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in return for bribes. The following contractors agreed to pay bribes to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in return for one or more government contracts:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) have each been charged with bribery in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi.

BACKGROUND

The ARS is the principal in-house research agency of USDA, according to information from the USDA, ARS, website. ARS, one of the Research, Education, and Economics agencies, is charged with extending the nation's scientific knowledge with 22 national programs, with research projects in agriculture, nutrition, technology, the environment, and other topics that affect the American people on a daily basis. ARS owns and manages nearly 3,000 laboratory and office buildings and about 400,000 acres of land in support of its research mission carried out at over 100 domestic and foreign locations. The ARS is administered through an organizational structure, which includes eight area offices throughout the nation.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BRIBERY – 18 U.S.C. § 201
FALSE CLAIMS – 18 U.S.C. § 287

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated

(Exhibit 1):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

spoke with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

an ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

at the ARS

location (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Later (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

at ARS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Prior to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

regarding the integrity of ARS contracting

activities.

ARS Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Contracts

During the course of the investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requested a procurement management review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). This review was conducted from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and coordinated with the Reporting Agent (RA). On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) issued the 56-page procurement management review report (Exhibit 2). The RA found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the report (Exhibit 2) states,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Unless noted otherwise, all reference to ARS procurement records in this report (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pursuant to this investigation. The RA prepared a schedule (Exhibit 3) of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA compared the findings of the procurement management review with the contents of the contract files in order to determine (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA identified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Fraudulent ARS Contracts

The RA reviewed (b)(6) ARS contracts listed on a summary chart (Exhibit 3). This report details the findings of corruption and fraud surrounding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The following schedule identifies the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Statements of ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 4):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

ARS employed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was responsible for

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In addition to (b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also stated (Exhibits 5 & 6)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) had no knowledge of any ARS employee receiving bribes or gratuities.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

resume and Notification of Personnel Action Forms, SF-50 (Exhibit 7), obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) official personnel file maintained by ARS, show (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employment with ARS on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS hired (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Training and

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records obtained from ARS (Exhibit 8) show as of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) hours of training involving (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Based in part on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) training, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 9) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

bribes:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

further stated (Exhibit 9):

When (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) first arrived at ARS in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS handled (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS refused to

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Special Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI),

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) administered a polygraph examination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to determine the accuracy of

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) earlier statements in interviews with the RA. In previous interviews (Exhibit 9),

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) When questioned by the examiner, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) polygraph report (Exhibit 10),

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) states: "...the recorded responses to the above-relevant questions are not indicative of deception."

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Bribery Scheme

The details of the bribery scheme between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contractors involving (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts are grouped by the contractor but otherwise are arranged for this report by the contract

award date. This order is shown in the following schedule summarizing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) scheme to obtain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in bribes:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

No further attempt was made to interview the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 14):

Around the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA contract to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 16) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) maintains
 was entirely (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 18) issued to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This contract
 was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 4):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The ARS contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 20)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 21):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated
(Exhibit 23):

About (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at ARS, asked (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the USDA property, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) believes
the ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated
(Exhibit 25):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at ARS totaled (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During a site visit
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at ARS
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

As noted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the records provided by the USDA, National Finance Center (NFC), New Orleans, LA (Exhibit 27), show NFC accepted the invoice for payment on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice shows (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice to the USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 28) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the invoice (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 29) awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the RA with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 25):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

at ARS by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

said that the USDA-ARS was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 33):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) e-mail (Exhibit 34) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The record of contract payments (Exhibit 35) obtained from the NFC for ARS contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice to NFC on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoiced the USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contract was awarded. The first

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (Exhibit 35) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the NFC on the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 36):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA contracts. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 37):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) another ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the
 RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) documents (Exhibit 40) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 The RA reviewed the records that discussed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In (b)(6) statement (Exhibit 37), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

invoices (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoicing the USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on a USDA contract, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 41) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 44):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from ARS contractors (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an ARS project to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a statement

(Exhibit 48) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) e-mail messages obtained from the ARS e-mail server. One message, dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 49), between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, NFC, New Orleans, LA, indicates (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 51):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for the USDA, ARS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

contractor involving USDA contracts. With regard to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for the USDA contract to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

to USDA on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated

(Exhibit 52):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

at the ARS facility (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

in the USDA

office.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

bribe in return for an ARS contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

facility at ARS in

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on ARS contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

additional ARS contracts. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA reviewed contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA

found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

However, in the records furnished to the RA by

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA compared (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from the ARS file

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

As noted earlier, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 4):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) further stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the bribery to the FBI, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the following documents (Exhibit 57) related to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 58):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 61):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 62):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided the RA

with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

advised the RA that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would not submit to an

interview.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract

ARS Contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was awarded to

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

from contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bids from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the contract file. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) file (Exhibit 64) states the bids (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 66) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was in the contract file.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contractor (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) residence. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) knowledge of a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to ARS and that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of any (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract.

The payment records (Exhibit 67) for ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) show (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted an invoice on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The RA calculated that the first invoice was for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) percent of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 52):

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

quoted the USDA a price (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

submitted a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) quote (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

check was deposited to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from the USDA and a

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribe payment (b)(6) made to
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribes totaling (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in return for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS
 contracts to (b)(6) company. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Contract

ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 69) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS
 facility was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The payment records (Exhibit 71) for contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) show (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA identified other documents in the contract file that indicate the contractor (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Also, the RA reviewed the contractor's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contained in the contract file that show (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 52):

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bidding on another USDA contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice payment from the USDA

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribe payment on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract involving (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contract. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) gave

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a bribe (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribe payments to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded the contract on
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) around (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) around (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA prepared a summary chart (Exhibit 74) from the bank records furnished by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) identifying the bank transactions used to fund the bribe payments. As noted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and reflected in the chart (Exhibit 74), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribes totaling (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contract payment.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts (Exhibit 75) identified in this report as being fraudulently awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) obtained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts with a total (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) award of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contracts to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fraudulent contracts, ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) e (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contract (Exhibit 76) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid abstract (Exhibit 77) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract. The bid abstract lists the Government cost estimate as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An examination of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid sheet and a corresponding fax transmittal cover sheet (Exhibit 78) in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract file prompted the RA to question (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Specifically, the RA questioned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

bid price on the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to
the ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the ARS
contracting office in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA submitted known and
questioned documents obtained during this investigation to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State Crime Lab in
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The lab will compare (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from a USDA, ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) against questioned documents
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Due to a backlog of cases, the examination has not
been completed. When the examiner's report is received, the results will be forwarded to the
United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated
(Exhibit 79):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid on USDA contracts. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) maintained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had no idea

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has no
knowledge of anyone giving bribes, gratuities, or anything of value to anyone at USDA.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished business
and banking records to the RA at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) refused (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), to answer questions
from the RA or submit to an additional interview.

As with other contracts noted in this report, the RA found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the
contract was awarded. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoices submitted on
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA contracts (Exhibit 75). Particular attention was given to those items in the invoices
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that lend themselves to independent corroboration. The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoices contained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA attempted to verify (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payments billed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts
against the business records furnished by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Two charts summarize the RA'S review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payment (Exhibit 82) records of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The RA found no record that (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on ARS contracts. However, as reflected in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payment chart (Exhibit 81), the contractor's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payment (Exhibit 83) was made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the USDA.

Likewise, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payment chart (Exhibit 82) shows (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contractor invoiced the USDA. The RA found no record to substantiate (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoiced the government on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contracts (Exhibit 75). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoices from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The RA identified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA was unable to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). However, the RA found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoiced the USDA.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 80) on ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) totaled (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The RA found no record of a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) based on a review of the ARS contract file and the banking and business records furnished by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). In those instances when the RA found a record of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 86):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on USDA projects in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for USDA projects (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

invoice for contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

invoice (Exhibit 80) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 87):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS contracts. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

contract at the ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In a subsequent statement (Exhibit 10) obtained in connection with a polygraph examination,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA identified a (b)(6); transaction (Exhibit 88) from the bank records furnished by

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

awarding

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the ARS Contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);

invoice (Exhibit 80) on ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract

ARS Contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was awarded to

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

bid abstract (Exhibit 90) lists the government cost estimate as

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 6):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid sheet from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 91) on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has been submitted for forensic examination to determine if the faxed bid sheet contains (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) produced by a Government-owned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (Exhibit 92) on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

No (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

checks dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were found by the RA to

suggest the contractor's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was accurate. For example, the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

identified by the RA from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on this contract is a

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

bribe payment was

in return for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

awarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the following (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA, ARS

contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 96):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract

ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 97) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA found no indication from the contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The records for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract payment consist (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 99) containing the following dates: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

invoice are as follows:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA found no (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) checks from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that support the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). As noted earlier, the RA found no record of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Also, there was no record found by the RA to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) identified by the RA from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records was a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) check (Exhibit 100) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The check (Exhibit 100), along (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 102):

Around (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) hired (b)(6) company to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 103):

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, ARS,
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 104):

Sometime around (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, ARS,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

said (Exhibit 105):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 6):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

As noted earlier, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (Exhibit 9) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

With regard to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 9):

On the contract to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (Exhibit 111) on the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract is
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

invoice (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice on contracts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (Exhibit 111) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 113) list the following
 line items and amounts:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The USDA, ARS contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 114).
 Unlike the invoice (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records (Exhibit 113), the USDA invoice (Exhibit 114)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Based on the RA'S comparison
 of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the USDA copy (Exhibit 114) of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) it
 appears that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract, such as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract, such as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (Exhibit 113). The RA calculated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Therefore, the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (Exhibit 113)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the USDA on the
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 116) for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 9) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract payment records (Exhibit 115) furnished by the NFC show the (b)(6); payments to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The ARS contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice (Exhibit 114) but (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The NFC furnished a copy of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice and payment transmittal form (Exhibit 119) from their contract payment file. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract was awarded, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoices (Exhibits 114 & 119) show (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoices

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 121):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted a bid to ARS under (b)(6); company name for about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed ARS contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This same contract file also contains a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A series of e-mail messages (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (Exhibit 126) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, NFC, New Orleans, LA, reveal that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) e-mailed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) listed in the e-mail message (Exhibit 126) may (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the RA with
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) containing files from the ARS computer assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA

found no written record in the ARS contract files of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this file from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

computer indicated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 128):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not going to be a part of any bribery.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Contract

ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 129) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid abstract (Exhibit 130), bearing the signed name (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the contract was awarded, the contract file shows an invoice (Exhibit 133) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was submitted for payment. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was contained in the contract file. The RA found (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the contract file of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) found in an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS file for contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The RA found that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) document contained in the file for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 136)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 62):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has paid a total of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as bribes in connection with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contracts. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(B)

on the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contract. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the RA with a copy of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bank records, including a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) deposit slip dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) maintained (Exhibit 62) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) maintained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribes totaling (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

further stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract

ARS contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 138) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

for the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the contract

was awarded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the contract

amount to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The bid abstract (Exhibit 139), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bearing the signed name (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The bids

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Contract

ARS Contract (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 141) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was awarded to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) abstract of offers form (Exhibit 142) in contract file (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) lists (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on the form. The RA found the original abstract form had the name (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) written

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 9):

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) agreed to pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS contract

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

never

paid the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bribe (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

USDA, Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation began. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

concerning

the investigation. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

contract. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

refused to provide the RA with a

signed statement on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 144):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

contract, an OIG investigation became public knowledge, and

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

did not return to work at the USDA.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

advised the

RA that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

had not offered to pay a bribe to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

in return for a USDA

contract.

FALSE STATEMENTS – 18 U.S.C. § 1001

The ARS provided (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Confidential Financial Disclosure Reports, OGE Form 450 (Exhibit 145), signed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On each form over the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) period. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OGE Form 450, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted a

false statement when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A chart found on page five of this report, summarizes the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in bribery payments

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ARS contractors. The RA determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the bribe

payments occurred during the time frame covered by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OGE Form 450 (Exhibit 145). Both (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 62) maintain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) gave (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a bribe payment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the ARS office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

OTHER INFORMATION

A limited inquiry into the financial status of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was conducted to determine if there were any overt indications of unreported assets and income. The RA primarily examined (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA photographed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA calculated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In conclusion, this report details the actions of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) subjects who engaged in bribery to influence the award of federal contracts. An Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Mississippi is prosecuting this matter. Thus far (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the individuals have been charged and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) have been sentenced. Below are the particulars of the prosecution, to date:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced (Exhibit 152) before the United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) MS, on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count of bribery. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was imprisoned for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) months and ordered to pay a special assessment of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced (Exhibit 153) before the United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) MS, on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count of bribery. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was placed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) probation, confined to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) home for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) months, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also was ordered to pay a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) special assessment.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entered a plea of guilty to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count information (Exhibit 154) charging (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with bribery before the United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) MS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is awaiting sentence on this charge.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entered a plea of guilty to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count information (Exhibit 155) charging (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with bribery and false claims before the United States District Court, Northern District of Mississippi in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is awaiting sentence on these charges.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, Texas



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-301-242	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
(TITLE CONTINUES)			
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6)

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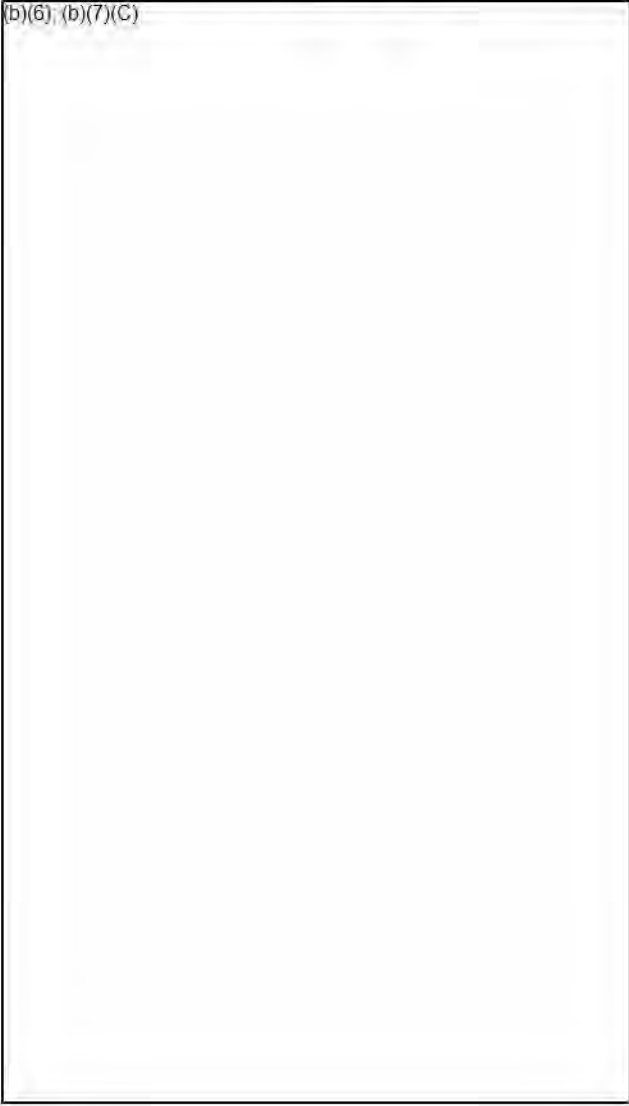
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TITLE CONTINUED

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



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) accepted or solicited money or property from FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation revealed discrepancies, irregularities, and fraudulent information in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) without the knowledge of FSA.

In addition, between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) without FSA approval (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to FSA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to be interviewed.

Additional information was obtained during this investigation that cannot be released.

BACKGROUND

The USDA, FSA, was established during departmental reorganization in 1994, incorporating several programs and agencies, including the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA). The FSA ensures the well being of American agriculture through efficient and equitable administration of farm commodity programs, farm ownership, operating and emergency loans, conservation and environmental programs and emergency disaster assistance.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was employed in this position from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) responsibilities included: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During this investigation, FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) listed in
 the table below were reviewed to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA (b)(4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	(b)(4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	FSA (b)(4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	(b)(4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TOTAL			

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

18 U.S.C. 208 CONFLICT OF INTEREST
18 U.S.C. 371 – CONSPIRACY
18 U.S.C. – 654 EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. CONVERTING PROPERTY
OF ANOTHER 18 U.S.C. 658 – UNAUTHORIZED CONVERSION OF
MORTGAGED PROPERTY 18 U.S.C. 1014 – FALSE STATEMENT ON CREDIT
OR LOAN APPLICATION

At the request of the reporting agent (RA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 FSA State Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reviewed and analyzed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 belonging to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 From the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported (Exhibit 1) the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agents Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) could not be obtained during the investigation and was determined by FSA to be missing from the county office. The review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on the FSA computer system.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6) the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the RA with a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA obtained and reviewed the (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA
 obtained the financial records (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 the financial records by the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 The account was opened on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA prepared the table below which list the checks (Exhibit 9) issued from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>CHECK AMOUNT</u>	<u>TRANSACTION DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)			
TOTAL		(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	

In addition, the records also showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 10) the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of records obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (Exhibit 11) by the RA revealed that between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: A UCC Financing Statement (Exhibit 12), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed
 FSA with a lien on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) owned by
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loan file by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) determined (Exhibit 13) the
 following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

It is not

the policy of the FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

to FSA by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA towards the loan. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 17)

the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
 (b)(7)(C)

A check of FSA records revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of FSA who

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Agent's Note: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

FSA, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 19) the

following:

(b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: Exhibit 9 shows a (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) check issued from the account of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

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

loan application.

Review of the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) file by (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) determined (Exhibit 21) the following:

(b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA loan funds
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 26) the following.

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: An income and spending document (Exhibit 27) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 generated by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) informed FSA that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 28) the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) No one from FSA contacted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loan file by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) determined (Exhibit 29) the following:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA Office.

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The collateral for the loans was that FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA held as security for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported to FSA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
remitted to FSA.

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: The loan summary (Exhibit 33) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 34) the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In a letter addressed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA Office of Inspector General (OIG).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C) and reported (Exhibit 36) the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

on

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated (Exhibit 44) the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of the Security Agreement (Exhibit 37), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loan file by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA State Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed (Exhibit 45) the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 49) the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	FSA Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned from FSA on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and declined to be interviewed.

The facts of this case were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who accepted the case for prosecution.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-301-281	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Employee Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

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EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 1) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conversations with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In the statement (Exhibit 1) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) placed on administrative leave after (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was about to be arrested for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) porn on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) computer."

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 2) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conversations with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) statement (Exhibit 2) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (FSA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) "

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent (RA) retrieved the hard drive from the Government-owned computer assigned to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA office in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA submitted the hard drive for computer forensic analysis to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) National Computer Forensic Division, USDA, OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a Report of Examination and a computer forensic analysis report (Exhibit 3) for the hard drive removed from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government-owned computer. The Report of Examination disclosed that no pictures or videos of possible child pornography were located. However, the report (Exhibit 3) described (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) files containing nude photographs and one video file containing nudity. Of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) recovered photographs, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the pictures (Exhibit 4) appeared to the RA to be photographs of nude or partially nude children.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by the RA at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said:

(b)(6) began work for the USDA in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was looking at internet pornography on (b)(6) home computer. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) photographs retrieved from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government-owned computer, including (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) photographs of nude or partially nude children (Exhibit 4). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Assistant United States Attorney (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to prosecute (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) relative to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) photographs obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Government-owned computer. (b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

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Southwest Region
Temple, Texas



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Te-401-304

DATE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

TITLE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(TITLE CONTINUES)

CASE TYPE: Misconduct

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

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TITLE CONTINUED

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development (RD), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for a profit.

The investigation revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In addition, the investigation determined between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation further revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) failed to disclose the income and sources of income (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6) annual Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 450. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) notified RD of the potential conflict of interest with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payments made to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) information was received alleging that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The complainant alleged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The Reporting Agent (RA) obtained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD State Office pertaining to the alleged misconduct. Review of the records showed the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1), to the RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) notified RD that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) avoid a conflict of interest and requested direction from the agency on how to proceed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2), designated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Further review showed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of records from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by the RA revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

18 U.S.C. 208 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST
18 U.S.C. 371 - CONSPIRACY
18 U.S.C. 1001 – FALSE STATEMENTS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
documents (Exhibits 12 and 13) and stated (Exhibit 14) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Only after the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed by the RA and said (Exhibit 15) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed by the RA and said (Exhibit 16) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibits 17 and 18) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD borrowers, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During this time period (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 19) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the RA with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Records
 for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The RA reviewed the financial
 records from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Further review by the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA reviewed records from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and determined that on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the RA with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Records
 from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records revealed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Further examination confirmed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was
employed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An examination of the records from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by the RA revealed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 32) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) documents (Exhibit 33) and stated (Exhibit 34) the following.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the RD program.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the requested personnel records of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for review by the RA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, OGE Form 450 (Exhibit 35), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) For the preceding years, from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) completed and submitted OGE Optional form 450-A (Exhibit 36) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) No documentation provided indicated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) disclosed to RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of the case were presented to the United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined the case for prosecution.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-401-313	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)
[Signature] ABELINO FARIAS, JR.
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development (RD), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) position with the Federal government for (b)(6) personal benefit and for the benefit of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation disclosed that while serving as the RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) until (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during the period (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned (b)(6) position as RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Additional information was developed during the investigation which cannot be released.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – 18 U.S.C. § 207

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – 18 U.S.C. § 208

FALSE STATEMENTS – 18 U.S.C. § 1001

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the Official Personnel File (OPF) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review of the OPF by the Reporting Agent (RA) showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was employed by the USDA from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) until (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The OPF included a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) position description (Exhibit 2). On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also furnished a resignation letter from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3), in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted (b)(6) resignation as USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Further review of the OPF by the RA determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) while employed as the RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) filed (b)(6) public financial disclosure reports, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibits 4 – 9), which were furnished by the USDA, Office of Ethics. On the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) covering the calendar year of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted covering the period from

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) until (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, Office of Ethics, noted the
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)”
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed
 on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and stated the following:

(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AGENT’S NOTE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a
 document and stated (Exhibit 11) the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA interviewed USDA, RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who provided sworn statements (Exhibits 13, 14
 and 15) and stated the following in substance:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to furnish statements.

Pursuant to an administrative subpoena, the RA obtained and reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 16) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 17) Individual Income Tax Returns, Internal Revenue Service Forms 1040. On the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 16) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 17) tax returns, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) filed a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 16) and (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 17). The RA did not find (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 17) Individual Income Tax Return, even though (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 8).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed, provided a written statement, and stated (Exhibit 18) the following:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) According to the telephone logs at the USDA, RD, State office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Pursuant to an administrative subpoena, the RA obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a copy of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA obtained a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished by the USDA, Office of Ethics, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 20)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an
Application for Approval to Engage in Non-Federal Employment (Exhibit 21) was submitted by
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the USDA, Office of Ethics. On the application form furnished by the USDA,
Office of Ethics, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the following question on the form:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) memorandum (Exhibit 22, pages 1 and 2) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA received a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) memorandum (Exhibit 23), from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OIG investigate allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, area office (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AGENT'S NOTE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned (b)(6) position as USDA, RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA obtained a newspaper article from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) published on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The article stated (Exhibit 25):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A second newspaper article from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) published on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The article stated (Exhibit 26):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted
by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA determined the Internet web page (Exhibit 29) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) informed the RA that after leaving USDA on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, RD, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) furnished
a memorandum (Exhibit 31) detailing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An Assistant United States Attorney for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has agreed to
prosecute (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-1001-135	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), committed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation determined that, in addition to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed in regards to these allegations and admitted to many of the details, but denied any criminal intent.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entered into a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) month deferred prosecution agreement with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) District Attorney's Office. In addition (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the agreement also resulted in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resignation from the NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

This investigation was predicated upon information received from the NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State Office. The purpose of the investigation was to examine allegations made by FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) At the time, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) As a result of the allegations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pending the results of the investigation. As a result of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 2) that on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In addition, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 3) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Additionally, on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6 and 7) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reviewed and signed the "Employee Criminal Non Custodial Warning Form" and was interviewed by the Reporting Agent (RA). After completion of the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided (b)(6) own brief written statement.

The RA verified that, as a result of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FSA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The RA presented this information to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) District Attorney's Office. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the District Attorney's Office entered into a deferred prosecution agreement (Exhibit 8) with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-1001-128	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
	(TITLE CONTINUES)		
CASE TYPE:	False Claims		

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) changed the construction plans of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Project, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for personal financial gain.

The investigation showed that on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS accepted a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bid of

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Additional information was obtained during the investigation that cannot be released.

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) noticed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) noticed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) findings to USDA, Office of Inspector General, Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that a preliminary review of the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

It appeared that

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FALSE CLAIMS – 18 U.S.C. 286 and 287

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided NRCS documents relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the Reporting Agent (RA). A review these documents by the RA showed that on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS documents relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also showed that, via (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6), dated

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Via (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 7), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided copies of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 11) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS documents relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

showed that in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(Exhibit 13), dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS documents relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS documents relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed that from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the NRCS computer system. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 24) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 25):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 26):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA

showed

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the entire project

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 27):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 28):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

was not part of that decision.

About midway through the project, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

from

NRCS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not charge NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 29):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 30) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 31) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 32) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided records regarding the
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the RA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The records showed
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) however, there was no documentation that showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 35):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA asked

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA explained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When the RA asked

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In an e-mail

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

to the RA, dated

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

stated that the

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

were made without (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

have required

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Based on

(b)(6);
(b)(7)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

experience, the changes would

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-1101-22	DATE: January 21, 2009
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE:	Securing Execution of Document by Deception	

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

ABELINO FARIAS, JR.
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) committed the offense of securing execution of a document by deception in order to fraudulently receive (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not entitled.

The investigation determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) intentionally made false statements to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (THHSC), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) TX, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the United States Department of Agriculture, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and thereby fraudulently obtained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the amount of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was indicted in Criminal District Court No. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) TX, on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) felony count of securing execution of a document by deception, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, Texas Penal Code, Section 32.46a(1).

This investigation was worked jointly with the THHSC, Office of Inspector General (THHSC-OIG) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) TX.

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) investigator, THHSC-OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) TX, notified this office of an ongoing fraud welfare investigation in which the subject, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegedly applied for and received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by failing to disclose (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) determined that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) made false statements to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) THHSC, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) TX, when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). As a result of the initial interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) internal THHSC documents authorizing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) THHSC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the welfare assistance application executed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) but refused to provide any further information. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) calculated that from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fraudulently received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not entitled.

SECURING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENT BY DECEPTION

(\$1500 – 20K)

TEXAS CODE, SECTION 32.46a(1)

The Reporting Agent coordinated with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was indicted in Criminal District Court No. 2, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6) felony count of securing execution of a document by deception more
than \$1,500 less than \$20,000 (Exhibit 1).

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-2418-25	DATE: May 28, 2010
TITLE:	<div>(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)</div>	
CASE TYPE:	Product Tampering	

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine the circumstances surrounding the contamination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) processing plant located in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation disclosed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

contaminating approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pounds of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) valued at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and subsequently suffered a loss of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in a signed sworn statement, confessed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 1, Page 3):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) took possession of the evidence that had been recovered from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) was advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) denied (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with the incident.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department said (Exhibit 1, Page 3):

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) assisted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with the interview of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was advised of (b)(6) rights. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) waived (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) rights and provided a voluntary statement (Exhibit 2) in which (b)(6) said that after (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General, Special Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) met with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During the course of the meeting, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requested the amount (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had lost as a result of the incident.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) faxed an itemized listing of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) loss which documented that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and subsequently suffered a loss of

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the circuit court of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a bill of information (Exhibit 3) was filed against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charging (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with commercial burglary and criminal mischief.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty to the charge of criminal mischief and was sentenced to serve (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) confinement and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) years probation, and ordered to pay a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fine, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in court costs, and a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fee (Exhibit 4).

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-3301-141	DATE: July 23, 2010
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	(TITLE CONTINUES)	
CASE TYPE:	Smuggling	

SPECIAL AGENT: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

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



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were using their positions to smuggle illegal drugs into the United States (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) could not be substantiated; however, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The allegations made against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) could not be substantiated; however, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6) used (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was conducted jointly with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General (DHS-OIG), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF).

Additional information was obtained during the investigation that cannot be released.

BACKGROUND

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) special agent (SA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, Office of Inspector General (OIG) met with SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) DEA; SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) DHS-OIG; SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) DEA in DEA's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) field office. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) named (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During a debriefing of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) further claimed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) described (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE – 21U.S.C. 952
POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE – 21U.S.C. 844(a)

A review of APHIS personnel records provided by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) APHIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) employees (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) began working for APHIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) began working for APHIS on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that in early (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) telephonically interviewed SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who said that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) while conducting a surveillance of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) residence, (b)(6) observed a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During a subsequent search of the residence, SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) worked for USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not pursue charges against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in US District Court, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a (b)(6) count Bill of Information (Exhibit 1) was filed against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) charging (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with possession of a controlled substance. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty to the charge and on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) imprisonment (Exhibit 2).



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-3399-56	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
	(TITLE CONTINUES)		
CASE TYPE:	Counterfeit		

SPECIAL AGENT:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

ABELINO FARIAS, JR.
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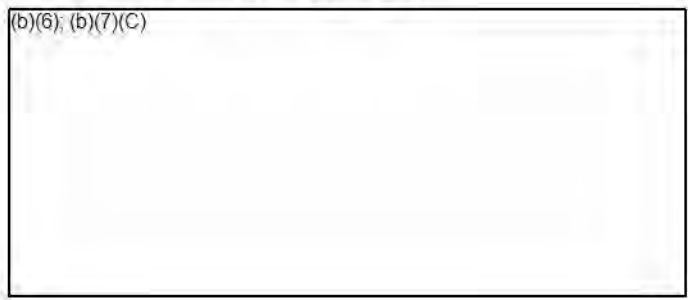
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TITLE CONTINUED

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) fraudulently created a quality/treatment stamp (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) used to signify compliance with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) program aimed at preventing the spread of pests between countries.

The investigation showed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) knowingly marked (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) quality/treatment stamp, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and declare the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) complied with USDA regulations, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USDA, APHIS, and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

The investigation further showed that in (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) admitted that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) from a USDA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) used it to create the unauthorized quality/treatment stamp (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6) was trying to comply with USDA requirements and did not intend to do anything wrong.

BACKGROUND

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) investigator, USDA, APHIS, Investigative and Enforcement Services, and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) informed the Reporting Agent (RA) of the fraudulent quality/treatment stamp (Exhibit 1) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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

TRADEMARK COUNTERFEITING, TEXAS PENAL CODE, SECTION 32.23

A review of documents obtained from (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) by the RA showed that the quality/treatment mark (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of documents obtained from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Arlington, VA, online computer record system showed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the USPTO certified the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The documents further showed that under the collective/certification trademark use regulations (Exhibit 6), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 7) that while

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 8):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(Exhibit 10) stamped with the unauthorized quality/treatment mark

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated (Exhibit 11):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a sworn statement, was interviewed, and stated (Exhibit 12):

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts associated with this case were presented to an Assistant District Attorney,
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who agreed to prosecute the case.

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