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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

United States Department of Agriculture



September 29, 2022

Subject: Log No. 15-00080

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 the final report, report of investigation (ROI), closing report, closing memo, closing letter, referral memo, referral letter and any other conclusory document relating to each of the investigations listed in your request.

We are enclosing 143 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. 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 attorney client privilege and the deliberative processes was withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

We have enclosed an explanatory sheet of FOIA exemption explanations.

Additionally, we have identified 16 pages of investigative records (HY-0201-0208) 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 12 pages of investigative records (SF-0119-0002 and SF-2434-0116)) containing content created by USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS). Under FOIA, the agency which created the record is responsible for processing. Therefore, we have referred these pages to FSIS for processing and direct response to you.

For your follow-up purposes, the contact information for FSIS is:

USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service	Tel. 202-720-2109
Ms. Arianne Perkins	Fax 202-690-3023
FOIA Officer	Email: FSIS.FOIA@usda.gov
1400 Independence Ave., SW	
Room 2170-S	
Washington, D.C. 20250	

We have identified three pages of responsive records containing content (AT-0530-0100) created by USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA). Therefore, we have referred these pages and a copy of the request to RMA for processing and direct response to you.

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

USDA-RMA
Stop 0801
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
South Building
Room 4104
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 690-3041 (Telephone)
(202) 720-1162 (Facsimile)
Email: FOIA@rma.usda.gov

Finally, we have identified 17 pages of responsive records containing information (SF-0174-0001 and AT-0901-0012) 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
Phone: (540) 868-4593

You have the right to appeal² this decision by OIG by writing to the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Whitten Building, Suite 441-E, Washington, D.C. 20250-2308. Appeals must be postmarked or transmitted by email no later than 90 calendar days from the date of the adverse determination. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked "FOIA APPEAL."

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 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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You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
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

² Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we suggest contacting USDA OIG via email at FOIAStaff@oig.usda.gov to ensure a more timely response.

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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

cc: (w/incoming and referral pages)

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



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	AT-3330-0025	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Violation of the Animal Welfare Act (Cockfighting)		

SPECIAL AGENTS:

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

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY:

KAREN CITIZEN-WILCOX
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1 - Deputy Administrator for Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service Washington, DC
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- 1 - Assistant Inspector General, OIG-Investigations, Washington, DC
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBITIONS – 18 U.S.C. § 49
ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE PROHIBITION – 7 U.S.C. § 2156

This investigation was conducted to determine if the owners, operators, and participants of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **were engaged in illegal cockfighting. This was a joint investigation with the** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **Tennessee Sheriff's Department** (b)(6) **(SD) and the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP).**

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **information was received regarding a potential illegal cockfighting derby at the** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **This information was provided by** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **as the FBI case agent in the investigation of** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **a meeting was held with** (b)(6) **SD** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **and Office of Inspector General agents.** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **provided information indicating that** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **being utilized for an illegal cockfight.** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D); (b)(7)(E)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **a Federal search warrant was executed at the** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **At the time of the search warrant,** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **for cockfighting violations. Additionally,** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **During the search warrant,** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **(Exhibit 1) were encountered at the** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **who were identified as** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **of the cockfighting event, was encountered at** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **declined to be interviewed.**

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **(Exhibit 2), admitted that** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **at the cockfights that have been conducted on the property** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **since** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **advised that** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **and the workers at the cockfight are** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **was paid** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **the cockfights for** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3), also admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the cockfights. In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) roosters to enter and fight in the derby. (b)(6) further advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the cockfighting derbies.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4), admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the cockfights. (b)(6) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the cockfights and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per derby for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) roosters at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per derby to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5), was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfights at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) agreed not to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on the premises. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) belonged to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the cockfighters (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts associated with this investigation were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Tennessee, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for a prosecutive determination.



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



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	CH-1001-0022	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Bribery and Conflicts of Interest		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

DERRICK N. HURST
Acting Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1-Acting Associate Chief Operations USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 1-Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated based on a referral from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). It was alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received items of value from an NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in violation of governing ethics laws, rules, or regulations.

This investigation determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not receive any items of value from an NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) An individual named (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

This case will not be referred to the United States Attorney's Office, as the allegations as reported have been unfounded.

BRIBERY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS - 18 U.S. Code § 201

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 1), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said, about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the NRCS office located in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which is supervised by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that while on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) mentioned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) could not recall the name or address of this particular (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would have all the information pertaining to this (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) mentioned concerned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) because (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) It also it appeared to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS program (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that the appearance of any wrongdoing in NRCS's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS funded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6) did not know the details of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 but generally thought it would not be right for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that NRCS serviced.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 2)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told a member of NRCS' (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS
 serviced (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent Notes: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the REPORTING AGENT (RA) with a copy of all of
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and that (b)(6) would have more direct knowledge of the allegations.

A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS documents revealed that in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The review disclosed that nowhere on any of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had participated, was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 4) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said, to (b)(6) knowledge, (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) stated in the past (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Agent's Note: The program official who processed the possible (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was an employee named (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) related that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS and was (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) NRCS in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not believe (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would ever (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and believed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that all the work in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in question had been (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and that (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) NRCS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (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) NRCS, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 7) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that, as part of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) described (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed that (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) NRCS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS office for all (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS interactions.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) position with NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 8) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has worked for NRCS since (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) started (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) career as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) asked (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) NRCS office to provide
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case will not be referred to the United States Attorney's Office, as the allegations as reported have been unfounded.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL - INVESTIGATIONS
MIDWEST REGION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

R E P O R T O F I N V E S T I G A T I O N

TITLE:

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

FILE NUMBER: Ch-2747-694

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION: Food Stamp Trafficking

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

DATE:

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

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Approval

(b)(6)

CONSTANT B. CHEVALIER
Special Agent-In-Charge

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine whether (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) were trafficking in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) food stamp coupons.

This investigation was initiated based upon information provided by investigators of the Indiana State Police. Food & Consumer Service (FCS), USDA, records indicate that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Investigation disclosed that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) purchased a total of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in food stamp coupons for (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in U.S. currency on (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) separate occasions.

This investigation was conducted jointly with investigators from the Indiana State Police and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The facts associated with this case were presented to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Judicial District of Indiana, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) IN, who is considering this case for prosecution.

BACKGROUND

The Food Stamp Program is designed to alleviate hunger and malnutrition among low income households by increasing their food purchasing power and promote distribution of agriculture products. The current program was established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

The Food Stamp Program is administered by FCS. Food stamp coupons are issued to eligible recipients by state agencies and local welfare offices. Recipients may use food stamp coupons only for eligible food items at retail stores that are authorized by FCS to accept food stamp coupons.

Food Stamp Program regulations, as well as federal and state laws, prohibit individuals from purchasing food stamps for cash or other ineligible items.

7 U.S.C. 2024(b)
UNAUTHORIZED USE, TRANSFER, ACQUISITION,
OR POSSESSION OF FOOD STAMP COUPONS

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) an (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D) who worked in an undercover capacity, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(D)

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)	the undercover	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
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Report of Investigation

Title (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	File number Ch-2748-828-S1	Date (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
	Office Midwest Region, Chicago, IL	
	S (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	Type of Investigation Food Stamp Trafficking, Illegal Redemption of Food Stamps and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	

SYNOPSIS

Reference is made to the Report of Investigation for Ch-2748-828.

This investigation was conducted based upon allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has been trafficking in food stamps and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) other (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH. area (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) As a result of this investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with a separate investigation report being issued for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This report will incorporate reportable investigative findings, including all subjects of this investigation. Companion investigations are reported under (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-2748-888) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-2748-1037) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-2748-1036).

Investigation has determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) have engaged in food stamp trafficking and illegal redemption of food stamps. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) purchased food stamps at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) transactions totalled (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In addition, witnesses have identified (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During a search warrant at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were seized because they were all (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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A comparison of Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) redemption records for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) corporate tax returns (seized by search warrant) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sales journal, which, when combined cover the period of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp redemptions and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) have exceeded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) recorded sales by at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

The investigation also found that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamps (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, area.

Program Background

Congress authorized the Food Stamp Program by the Food Stamp Act of 1964 to provide a more nutritious diet to low income families and individuals. Congress rewrote Food Stamp Program legislation as the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and improved the program by various acts and amendments in 1981 and 1982. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), United States Department of Agriculture oversees the Food Stamp Program.

Food stamps are printed in \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 denominations. They are issued in books totalling the following amounts:

<u>Series</u>	<u>Total Value</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
A	\$ 2.00	2	0	0
B	\$ 7.00	2	1	0
C	\$40.00	0	8	0
D	\$50.00	0	2	4
E	\$65.00	5	0	6
F	\$10.00	5	1	0

FNS maintains on file the names of all retail grocery stores authorized by FNS to participate in the Food Stamp Program. Participation in the Food Stamp Program allows the store to accept food stamps as payment for eligible items.

A retail food store must first apply for and receive from FNS authorization in order to participate in the Food Stamp Program. The store, upon authorization by FNS, will be issued food stamp authorization card and food stamp authorization number. This authorization is nontransferable. The authorization is void if the store changes ownership or location, or if the store ceases operation. The store cannot accept food stamps before receiving the authorization or after the authorization has been withdrawn by FNS.

Store Background

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) incorporated with the Ohio
 Secretary of State on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under Charter Number
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ohio Department of Taxation public records list (b)(6);
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

For the purpose of this report (b)(6); will be used when making
 reference to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) will be used when
 making specific reference to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); was issued a Liquor Permit by the Ohio Department of Liquor
 Control, a Cigarette Dealer's License and Vendor's License by
 the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Auditor, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and Ohio Lottery Agent status
 by the Ohio Lottery Commission.

FNS records show that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) applied for Authorization to Participate in
 the Food Stamp Program. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported that (b)(6); had
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH. (b)(6); estimated that
 (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The
 application specifies that the size of (b)(5); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6);

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FNS authorized (b)(6); to participate in the
 Food Stamp Program under Authorization Number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by FNS
 Compliance Branch (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

7 U.S.C. 2024 (b) - Unauthorized use, transfer, acquisition,
 alteration, or possession of coupons or
 authorization cards; restitution by
 convicted individuals

7 U.S.C. 2024 (c) - Presentation for payment or redemption of
 coupons that have been illegally received,
 transferred, or used

18 U.S.C. 641 - Public money, property or records

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

This investigation is a joint investigation by OIG, IRS, INS and USCS. Criminal and civil violations under the jurisdiction of IRS, INS and USCS will be reported by the respective agency. The Reporting Agent (RA) has also been assisted by Special Agent (SA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OIG, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH; and OIG SAs from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Investigator (b)(6) advised that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(EXHIBIT I)

Contained in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FNS file is (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FNS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, received a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FNS records show that between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has redeemed between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FNS data shows that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) there were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) authorized retailers and on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) there were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) authorized retailers in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) area.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent (RA) recovered (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in food stamps, deposited by (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which were inventoried by serial number. Each food stamp serial number

is unique to each food stamp book. RA recovered (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp coupons. The RA entered each food stamp's serial number into a database and sorted the food stamps by serial number. An analysis of the serial numbers indicates that there were (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

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

The analysis

determined that (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

Agent's Note: The RAs experience and previous OIG investigations of authorized retailers, with suspect food stamp redemptions have shown that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

(b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E)

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

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

Agent's Note: Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp redemptions (Exhibit 1) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) an OIG SA entered (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in an undercover capacity, in an attempt (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) The Agent

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

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

OIG SA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) in an undercover capacity, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) The SA

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

The SA

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) OIG SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
undercover capacity (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) OIG SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
the Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

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

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a search warrant was executed at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
During the search warrant, SAs seized (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
to include (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamps totalling (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) An example (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is attached
as Exhibit 2.

Comparison of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp redemption history, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and subpoenaed corporate bank records with
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sales journal revealed the following:

YEAR

Food Stamp
Redemptions:

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

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

Cash Sales:

Income from
KNOWN Sources:

Sales Recorded
Sales Journal:

Difference
KNOWN/Journal:

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

Comparison of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp redemption history, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and subpoenaed corporate bank records with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Federal Income Tax Returns revealed the following:

YEAR

Food Stamp
Redemptions:

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

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

Cash Sales:

Income from
KNOWN Sources:

Gross Recorded
Federal Tax Return:

Difference
KNOWN/Tax Return:

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised the RA, that (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH newspaper, reported that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that food stamps account for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A composite summary for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with graphics is attached as Exhibit 3.

Analysis of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) post search warrant (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) food stamp redemptions determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) monthly redemptions have (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6);

On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) completed a Food Stamp Program Application. As part of this application, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reported that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4).

Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) bank records revealed that between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, and the subject of case Ch-2748-1036.

Undercover (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) The investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-2748-1036) is continuing and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) undercover (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in a sworn statement, advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, stores, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) described how on at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); Police Department (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OH, and the RA drove past (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) OIG conducted an unrelated food stamp investigation of a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SAs of OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) **OIG SA,** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) **the SA.** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) **the SA** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **OIG conducted a food stamp investigation of** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **During this investigation, undercover agents**
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) **Also during this investigation,**
undercover agents (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) **SA's of**
OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
investigation, is (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **in**
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **The RA did not attempt to**
interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **resulted**
in positive food stamp sales. The food stamps sold at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **a subject of** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **The RA did not attempt to**
interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **bank records revealed that between** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **bank records also show that between** (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
subjects of an investigation (Ch-2748-888) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **investigation.**

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

as described. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(Exhibit 6)

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

advised that

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

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

(Exhibit 7).

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

in the

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

investigation (Ch-2748-888), advised that

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

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

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

a subject of this investigation, advised the

following:

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

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

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

In addition, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

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

OH as one such person. The

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

(Exhibit 8).

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

has been interviewed several times reference to this investigation and an investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Ch-2748-1037).

(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 Memorandums of
Interview dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is Exhibit 9 and the interview
of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is Exhibit 10.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) after waiving (b)(6);
constitutional rights concerning self-incrimination stated:

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

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

In reference to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit
11).

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

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

Information relative to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was furnished to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Department
of Human Services, Investigation Division.

The United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) District of Ohio, has
accepted this investigation for criminal prosecution.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Midwest Region
Chicago, Illinois



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: Ch-3330-0022

DATE: APR 09 2012

TITLE:

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

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

Indiana

CASE TYPE: Animal Fighting

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

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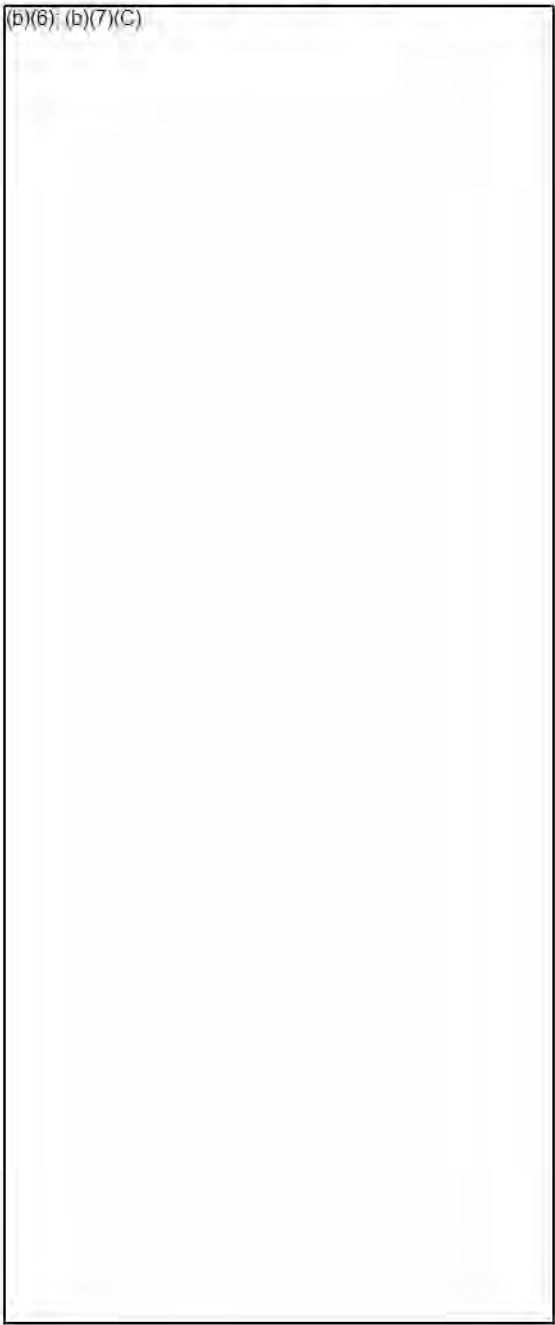
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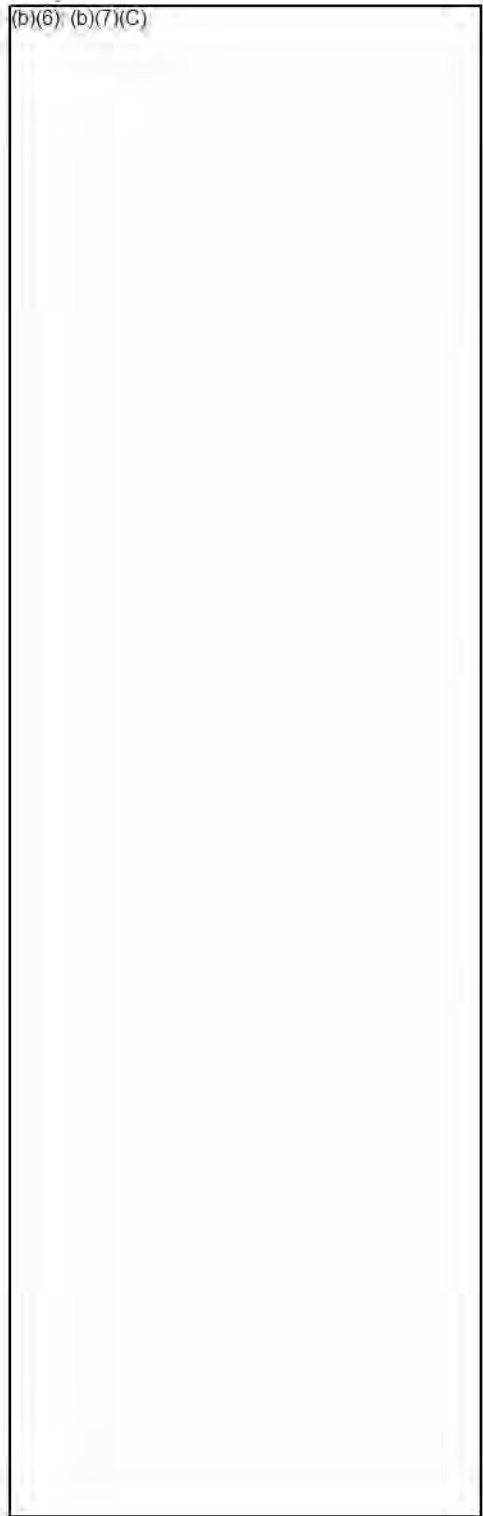
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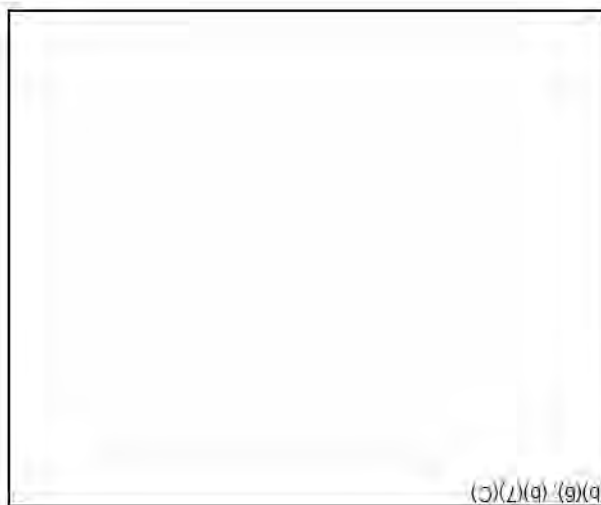


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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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(c)(2)(q)-(g)(q)

SYNOPSIS

An investigation conducted with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PD) identified multiple suspected dog fighters who participated in an organized dog fighting operation in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Indiana area. This investigation led to the arrest and filing of charges against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) individuals who were attending a dog fight on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

PURCHASE OR POSSESSION OF ANIMAL FOR FIGHTING - ICC 35-46-3-8
PROMOTION, USE OF ANIMALS, OR ATTENDING WITH ANIMAL AT FIGHTING
CONTEST - ICC 35-46-3-9
PROMOTING ANIMAL FIGHTING CONTEST - ICC 35-46-3-9.5
ATTENDANCE AT ANIMAL FIGHTING CONTEST - ICC 35-46-3-10

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); a confidential informant (CI), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) Reporting Agent (RA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) contacted the RA and advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) the CI contacted the RA and advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) At approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(D) USDA-OIG agents, along with members of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) PD, conducted a search warrant at the residence. As a result, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) individuals who were attending the dog fight (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were arrested and charged (Exhibit 1). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1).

Of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) subjects in this case, charges were dismissed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were acquitted of their charges, and the remainder either pleaded guilty or were convicted at trial. All criminal action in this matter is complete.

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Chicago, Illinois**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Ch-3330-0025	DATE:	MAY 01 2013
TITLE:	<div>(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)</div> <div>(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ohio</div> <p><u>Title Continues</u></p>		
CASE TYPE:	Animal Welfare Violations/Dog Fighting		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

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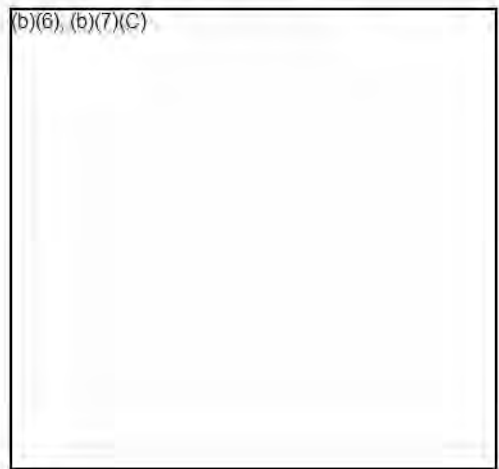
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TITLE CONTINUED:

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



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was opened following the receipt of information from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department (b)(6) PD) regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) engaged in dog fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ohio. Based on the information received, a search warrant was obtained for this residence and was served on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with the assistance of the (b)(6) PD and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) identified as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were arrested for dog fighting, cruelty to animals, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as a result of the search warrant. In addition, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were removed from the residence with the assistance of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and held as evidence at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) location.

The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Prosecutor's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Ohio accepted this case for criminal prosecution.

DOG FIGHTING – Ohio Revised Code 959.16**CRUELTY TO COMPANION ANIMALS – Ohio Revised Code 959.131**

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

During interviews, an arrestee alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), a Cooperating Witness (CW) made contact with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) the CW and reportedly (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) contacted the CW and said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) unaware (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the theft (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A search warrant was then
 served at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During the search, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was arrested and charged
 through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was charged in a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) count indictment through the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 County, Ohio Grand Jury for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to (b)(6); counts of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 and (b)(6) count of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was later sentenced to (b)(6); months incarceration with
 the Department of Corrections and will be on supervised post-release control for a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) year period.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were indicted through the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County Grand Jury for (b)(6); count of
 Dog Fighting and (b)(6) count of Cruelty to Companion Animals. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was also charged
 with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) both subjects plead guilty to the
 dogfighting charge, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to (b)(6) count of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); was sentenced to probation for a (b)(6) year period, was prohibited from owning/residing with
 any dogs/pets, and was ordered to pay court costs. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to (b)(6) months
 incarceration with the Department of Corrections and will be on supervised post-release control for a
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) year period.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Northeast Region
New York, New York**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-0201-0221

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

TITLE:

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

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

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

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

Agricultural Research Service,

CASE TYPE: Personnel Misconduct and Misuse of Government Computer

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

WILLIAM G. SQUIRES/JR.
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated based on a request by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Agricultural Research Service (ARS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) was utilizing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government issued/owned computer to access child and adult pornography websites (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation disclosed no child pornography on the government owned computer issued to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). However, the forensic analysis located adult pornography and other related internet history exclusively under (b)(6) user profile and login.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and denied ever accessing, viewing or seeking out child pornography from the government owned computer. However, (b)(6) admitted to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

BACKGROUND

ARS Policies and Procedures (Exhibit 1), Use of Information Technology Resources, Directive 253.4v.2, Section 3.2, Unacceptable Personal Use, states "ARS employees are prohibited from using the government issued computer to engage in activities which are illegal, inappropriate, or offensive to fellow employees or the public." Additionally, Section 4.2, Unacceptable Personal Use, states that use of the internet on a government issued computer for "the creation, downloading, viewing, storage or copying of sexually explicit or sexually oriented materials related to gambling, illegal weapons, terrorist activities or any other illegal or prohibited activities" is also unacceptable use of a government issued computer.

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, the Reporting Agent (RA) reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) (Exhibit 2), which included (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) The review disclosed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) Agricultural Research Service (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) has been a USDA employee for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) (Exhibit 3) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

ARS utilizes three warning banners (Exhibit 4), which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was required to acknowledge and navigate past in order to log on to (b)(6) government issued computers.

MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPUTER

The USDA Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Technical Crimes Division, formerly the National Computer Forensics Division (NCFD) issued a Final Report of Media Analysis (Exhibit 5) regarding their review and analysis of the components from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA issued computers. The forensic analysis located adult pornography and other related Internet history (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The computer analysis further disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

in violation of USDA and ARS computer use policies.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by agents from the FBI (Exhibit 6) and (b)(6) essentially stated the following:

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

PROSECUTORIAL CONSIDERATION

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
Northeast Region
Beltsville, Maryland



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-0219-0008

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

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

CASE TYPE: False Statements

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

BRIAN L. HAASER
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted jointly with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Fraud Section; the Department of the Army, Criminal Investigation Division (Army CID); and various other Federal agencies.

The overall investigation involves (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

with obtaining Federal government contracts. However, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

In the case of several U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) projects, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

In (b)(6)

cases documented in this

Report of Investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

additional cases, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

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

DETAILS

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

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

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

USDA-OIG was initially contacted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

In an interview

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

advised (Exhibit 1):

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) issued (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2). (b)(6) issued a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stating that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4). The package contained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spoke with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and informed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) As a result, (b)(6) received a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In an e-mail summarizing (b)(6) legal opinion, OGC attorney (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(5) – Attorney-Client Privilege

(Exhibit 6). As a result of OGC's findings, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7).

Agent's Note:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(5) – Deliberative Process Privilege

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(5) – Deliberative Process Privilege

(Exhibit 8). According to Special

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

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

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

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

(Exhibit 9).

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

OGC attorney (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was consulted and advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(5) – Attorney-Client Privilege

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(5) – Attorney-Client Privilege

(Exhibit 10). On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11).

In response to (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)

In response, (b)(6) told

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

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

subsequently

received a copy of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(Exhibit 12).

Additionally, (b)(6) had a conversation with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

(b)(6) memorialized the problems with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(Exhibit 13).

According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) General Law Division, OGC,
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 14. Affidavits
provided by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Exhibits 15 and 16, respectively. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) documents are available
upon request.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) are summarized in the following table:

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

Additionally, (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) Forest Service, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information regarding a
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 17):

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

(Exhibit 18).

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Forest Service, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (Exhibit 20):

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

USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
projects in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 21):

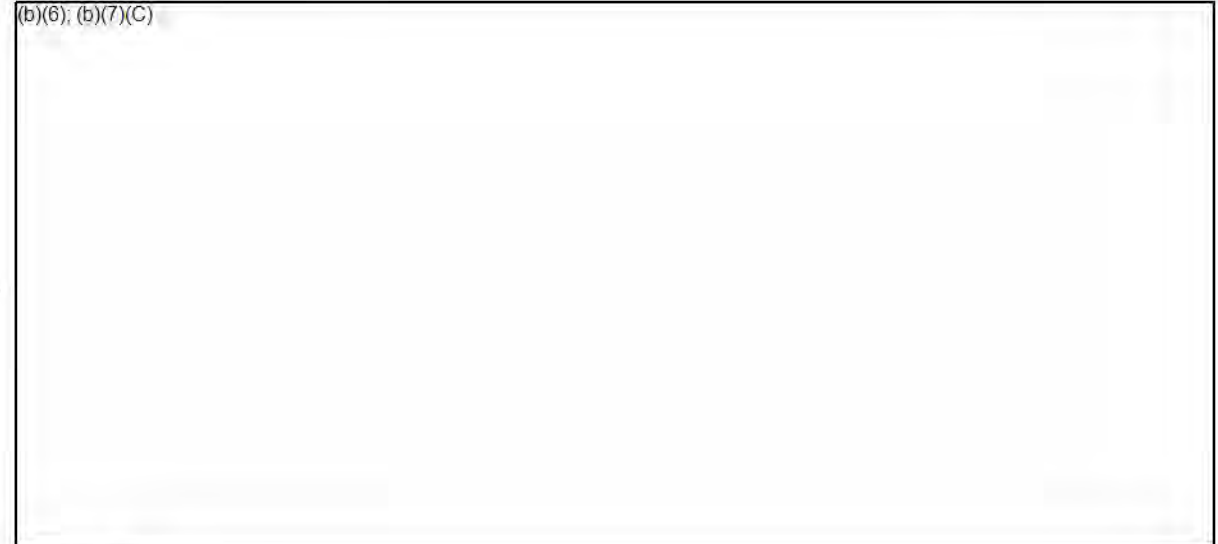
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

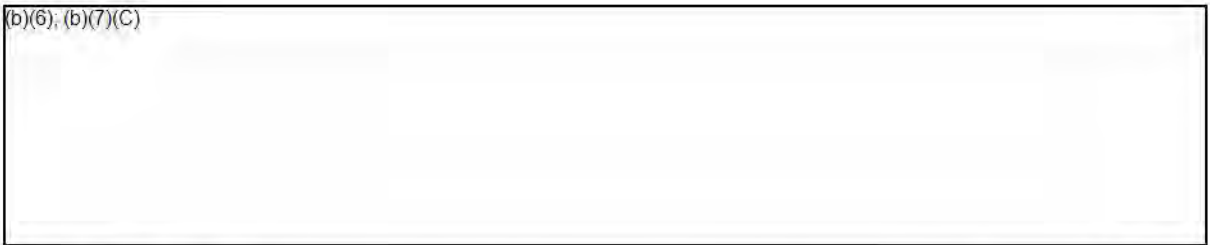
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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



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



USDA, ARS,

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

ARS,

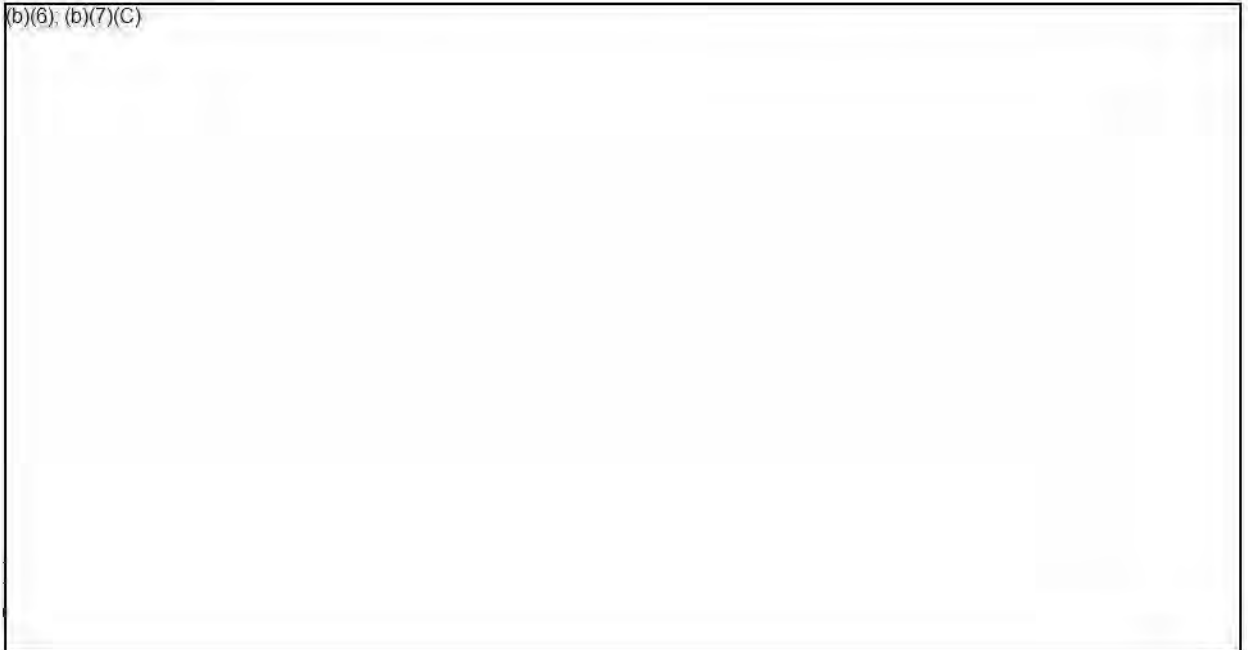
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

provided the following information regarding an ARS

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

(Exhibit 32):

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



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

USDA, ARS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ARS,
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information regarding an ARS (b)(6);
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 37): (b)(7)(C) project in

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

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

Agent's Note:

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

The project was completed satisfactorily.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Northeast Region
New York, New York



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-0401-0204

DATE:

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

TITLE:

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

CASE TYPE: Mismanagement/Misconduct

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) Rural Development (RD) mismanaged government funds, including funding associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The investigation found no evidence that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) mismanaged government funds.

DETAILS

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a Hotline complaint made by an anonymous complainant, which alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) abused (b)(6) authority and mismanaged government funds, including ARRA funds (b)(7)(E). Specifically the complainant alleged that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did the following:

- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD
- (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)
- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
-
-

Agent's Note: Another Hotline complaint dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contained many similar allegations (PS-0401-1472). The allegations contained in both Hotline complaints were incorporated into the USDA, OIG investigation.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, OIG requested information responsive to the allegations from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD (Exhibit 1). A response to this request was subsequently furnished by the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD, and reviewed by USDA, OIG (Exhibit 2).

Agent's Note: The response furnished by the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD, included copies of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Due to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) they are not included as part of Exhibit 2, but are available for review upon request.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, OIG sent a list of follow-up questions to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD. A response to the follow-up questions was received by USDA, OIG on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3).

Based on information and documents provided by (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)
- (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) 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) RD (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)

Based on the information and documents provided by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RD, the allegations made by the anonymous complainant were not substantiated.

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Northeast Region
Beltsville, Maryland



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-0930-0002

DATE: December 30, 2008

TITLE:

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

CASE TYPE: Loan Fraud

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

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Special Agent-in-Charge

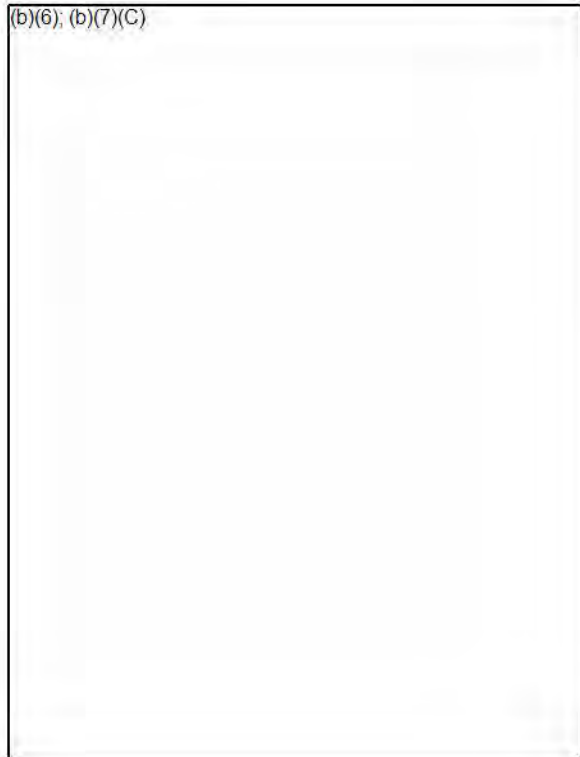
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) misused and committed fraud involving loan funds received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development (RD), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), for the purpose of establishing wireless broadband in the rural areas of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

Our joint investigation with Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation and the West Virginia Legislature, Commission on Special Investigations, disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used RUS loan funds for purposes other than those specified in the Broadband Loan Agreement and for purposes other than providing broadband services to the intended rural population. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) failed to repay RUS according to the terms of the loan agreement. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

FRAUDS AND SWINDLES - 18 U.S.C § 1341**THEFT AND BRIBERY CONCERNING PROGRAMS RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS**
- 18 U.S.C. § 666 (a) (1) (A)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a for-profit (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) business, was incorporated. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and, from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) until (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) served as its (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was formed. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was formed in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a loan application on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an RUS broadband loan (Exhibit 1). The application requested (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from USDA, RUS.

As part of the loan application, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) estimated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would receive approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from non-RUS sources to supplement the RUS loan funds. This additional funding was a requirement before receiving RUS funds. The additional funds were to provide for (b)(4)

(b)(4)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entered into a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) broadband loan agreement with RUS (Exhibit 2). The terms of the agreement included a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS approved a loan in the amount of (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the purpose of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In order to satisfy the RUS requirement that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) applied for a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was convicted of wire fraud in Federal court in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requested a (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's note: On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In order for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS along with invoices (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

A review of invoices submitted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as indicated in the table below:

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

Specifically, (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On the (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Additionally, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) RUS and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as indicated in the following table:

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and advised the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUS with

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the following table, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

It is (b)(6) belief that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Exhibit 4).

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

Additional information was developed during the investigation which cannot be released pursuant to the secrecy requirements associated with rule 6e of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were indicted by a Federal grand jury in the Southern District of West Virginia and charged with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) theft of Federal funds, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty in the Southern District of West Virginia to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6). Sentencing is scheduled for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty in the Southern District of West Virginia to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7). Sentencing is scheduled for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Trial in the matter of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is scheduled to begin on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Northeast Region
Beltsville, Maryland**



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-2740-0852

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

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

CASE TYPE: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fraud

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

BRIAN L. HAASER
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution

- 1 – Director Grants Management Division, FNS
- 1 – Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OIG
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were trafficking in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits from electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. These subjects purportedly exchanged SNAP benefits (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

Agent's Note: Pursuant to the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L.110-246) The new name of the Food Stamp Program is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

This investigation was worked jointly with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Police Department (b)(6) PD) and is (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

The investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were trafficking SNAP benefits in exchange for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) From (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) undercover SNAP benefit transactions were conducted with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); in food benefits were exchanged for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

This investigation has been discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney and is currently under review.

Additional information was developed during the course of this investigation which cannot be disclosed and has been omitted from this report.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the SNAP Act of 1997, as amended, 7 United States Code (USC), Sections 2011-2032 (1988 & Supp. 1992), and its accompanying regulations, 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 271-285 (1992), eligible retail stores may obtain a license from the USDA, FNS to accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) food benefits as payment for food purchases. In contrast to the legal purchase of food with EBT food benefits, SNAP trafficking is the illegal sale or transfer of food benefits for cash or contraband.

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

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

SNAP FRAUD – 7 U.S.C. §2024 (b)(c)

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

DETAILS

A review of USDA, FNS SNAP application records disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was initially authorized to participate in the SNAP on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under authorization (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1). According to the authorization application, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is the listed owner of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The annual gross sales were estimated to be (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the annual eligible food sales were estimated to be (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

The food benefits redemption data and certificates (Exhibit 2) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was obtained from FNS and reviewed. The data showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) redeemed approximately (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of food benefits in (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of food benefits in (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of food benefits in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of food benefits in (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

Surveillance conducted at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) revealed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) the transacted EBT amounts. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) an undercover (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conducted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) undercover EBT benefit transactions (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) undercover OIG agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) undercover (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) U/C (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (Exhibit 3) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4) and revealed the following:

According to EBT redemption records maintained by FNS, during the calendar year (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) redeemed approximately (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in EBT benefits. During the same period, (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

According to EBT redemption records maintained by FNS, during the calendar year (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) redeemed approximately (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in EBT benefits. During the same period, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

According to EBT redemption records maintained by FNS, during the calendar year (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) redeemed approximately (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in EBT benefits. During the same period, (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

According to EBT redemption records maintained by FNS, during the calendar year (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) redeemed approximately (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in EBT benefits. During the same period, (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

This case is under review by the United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) location.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Northeast Region
26 Federal Plaza, Room 1409
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-3330-0040

DATE: March 4, 2014

TITLE: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

CASE TYPE: Animal Fighting

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

WILLIAM G. SQUIRES, JR. *W*
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated in response to a request from the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (VABC) to assist them with an investigation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who was allegedly (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and engaging in cock fighting.

The investigation revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) possessed an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) and sold (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) to an undercover police officer on multiple occasions. The investigation also revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) possessed and sold fighting roosters and gaffs for the purposes of animal fighting. Additionally, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) unlawfully obtained, possessed, and/or sold (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) roosters to be used in animal fighting. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had not made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) own (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) since (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia accepted this matter for federal prosecution. Between (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was indicted, subsequently arrested, plead guilty and was sentenced to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) months in prison, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) year supervised release, as well as ordered to pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in monetary penalties.

ANIMAL FIGHTING - 7 U.S.C. § 2156

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

During this investigation, VABC conducted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) undercover transactions (Exhibit 1) with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Evidence was obtained during (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of these transactions which are highlighted in the table below.

DATE	ACTIVITY	Page Number
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)		

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) state and federal search warrants (Exhibit 2) were simultaneously served at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) residence. During these search warrants, agents recovered cock fighting paraphernalia, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attached.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 3) and stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) roosters to be used in animal fighting. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had not made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) own (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The table below summarizes the laboratory results (Exhibit 4) regarding suspected contraband obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during this investigation.

DATE OBTAINED	ITEMS	LAB ANALYSIS RESULTS
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		

PROSECUTIVE DETERMINATION

The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Virginia accepted this matter for federal prosecution.

Exhibit 5 is the pertinent court documents regarding this matter.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was indicted in the Western District of Virginia with violations of the United States Code (U.S.C.) provisions summarized in the table below.

COUNT(s)	OFFENSE	TITLE & SECTION
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	Animal Fighting	7 U.S.C. § 2156(b)
	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pleaded guilty to counts (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the indictment. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) imprisonment, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) supervised release, and ordered to pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in monetary penalties.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: HY-5801-0014

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)

WILLIAM G. SQUIRES, JR.
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated in response to allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) exhibited preferential treatment towards and accepted gifts, bribes, and gratuities, which included a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also allegedly exhibited preferential treatment towards (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegedly exhibited preferential treatment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did not accept gifts, bribes, and gratuities from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined accepting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Furthermore, no evidence gathered supported the allegations that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) exhibited preferential treatment or favoritism towards (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) was interviewed and denied receiving (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also denied exhibiting preferential treatment or favoritism towards (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and denied exhibiting preferential treatment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This case was presented to the United States Attorney's Office representing the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which declined to prosecute this matter.

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 1), which is summarized as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was contacted and provided the following information (Exhibit 2) which is summarized as follows:

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was providing preferential treatment towards (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In addition, it was rumored that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The chart below summarizes the Fiscal Year (FY) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and FY (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3).

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

FY (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) - FY (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The chart illustrates that in FY (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) The chart further illustrates that in FY (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 4) which is summarized as follows:

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

(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)

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

was interviewed

(Exhibit 5), which is summarized as follows:

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

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

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

was interviewed (Exhibit 6), which is summarized as follows:

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

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

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

USDA, was interviewed and provided a statement (Exhibit 7), which is summarized as follows:

(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)

was interviewed

(Exhibit 8), which is summarized as follows:

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

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

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

was interviewed and provided a statement (Exhibit 9), which is summarized as follows:

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

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

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

PROSECUTIVE DETERMINATION

This investigation was presented to the United States Attorney's Office representing the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which declined to prosecute this matter.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
Oakland, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0301-0138

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

TITLE:

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

CASE TYPE: Misconduct and False Statements

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), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in connection with (b)(6) duties as a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted false statements and/or was malfasant in connection with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6) administered for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the reviewer noted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) audit findings by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) One specific finding detailed a violation by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) causing the (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A more complete review was subsequently completed and found that for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6) made (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that caused (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review Report, dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1), detailed (b)(6) audit findings of violations by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review Report Exhibit (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) detailed a violation of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2) (b)(4); (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)

As detailed in a report from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3), and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4), based on the irregularities with the administration of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C) Review Report, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a complete review was conducted.

The reports from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the administration of (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)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by Reporting Agent (RA). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated in substance (Exhibit 5):

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during an audit entrance call with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(3):Sect 1619 2008 (Farm Bill)

During a preliminary review of the file in question on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) discovered (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On the morning of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about the upcoming (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and questioned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Review Report. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) explained that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

During the afternoon of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) confided that (b)(6) believed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) questioned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) After much questioning, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Prior to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attempted to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during questioning, provided (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by RA. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated in substance (Exhibit 7):

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted to (b)(6) that on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) after being advised of (b)(6) rights, was interviewed by RA and voluntarily agreed to provide a sworn statement. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pursuant to advice from (b)(6) attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to provide a sworn statement to RA. On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated to RA in substance (Exhibit 8):

On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in connection with the performance of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) official duties, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Specifically, on or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(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)

(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)

Prior to the start of the Office of Inspector General investigation, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

This case was discussed with an Assistant United State Attorney who declined criminal prosecution (b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Western Region
Oakland, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0801-0673

DATE: JUL 09 2012

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

CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service (FS), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) During the course of the investigation, an additional allegation surfaced that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The scope of the investigation was expanded to cover this allegation.

The investigation was unable to substantiate (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegation that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) However, investigation did reveal that from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stole (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of FS (government) property, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) subsequently (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told Office of Inspector General (OIG) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (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)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided USDA-OIG with a signed, sworn statement (Exhibit 1); wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided USDA-OIG with a signed, sworn statement (Exhibit 2); wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (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) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided USDA-OIG with a signed, sworn statement (Exhibit 3); wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided USDA-OIG with a signed, sworn statement (Exhibit 4), wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

USDA-OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

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

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

and disclosed

the following information:

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

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

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

TITLE 18 U.S.C. § 641-THEFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

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

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

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

was interviewed (Exhibit 5); wherein (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)

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

FS (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) was interviewed (Exhibit 7); wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (Exhibit 8) (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)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed, wherein (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) was interviewed (Exhibit 9); wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 10) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 was interviewed; wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: During the interview, (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)
 OIG (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 12); wherein (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 13)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed (Exhibit 14) and confessed to stealing and subsequently selling FS Government property (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 15) with the interviewing agents.

*** Additional information was developed during the investigation which cannot be released.

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

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

stole at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

FS (government) property, totaling at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

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

An Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Eastern District of California was contacted regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The AUSA stated as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) the investigation should be referred to the local District Attorney's Office for consideration. The facts of the investigation pertaining to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) allegations were presented to a Deputy District Attorney for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The Deputy District Attorney declined to prosecute (b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

A prosecutorial memo covering investigative findings to date with regard to the allegations of stolen government property has been submitted to an AUSA with the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). A prosecutorial decision is pending upon review of this memo by the AUSA.



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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-0801-0780

DATE:

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

TITLE:

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

CASE TYPE: Employee Misconduct

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an United States (U.S.) Department of Interior (DOI) - (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) actions in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) constituted an obstruction of justice.

The investigation revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) acted within the course and scope of their employment and that their actions were authorized by statute and regulation, consistent with their agency policy and practice. (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)

Laws/Regulations

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503 – Influencing (Obstruction of Justice).

(a) Whoever corruptly or by threats or force, or by any threatening letter or communication, influences, obstructs, or impedes, or endeavors to influence, obstruct, or impede, the due administration of justice, shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).

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

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

The FS regulations are codified under Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The BLM regulations are codified under Title 43 of the CFR. In addition to the above cited CFRs, there are other specific CFRs that are not mentioned in which the FS and BLM rely upon to conduct their administrative functions within their agencies.

DETAILS

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Assistant United States Attorney (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (AUSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)), USAO, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted the FS to coordinate an investigation into the above allegation that was brought against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AUSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised the FS that (b)(6) office had been assigned to investigate the allegation and that the USAO in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had been recused from the case.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received a referral from USDA FS, Law Enforcement and Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in regards to the above allegation. Due to the sensitivity of the investigation into one of the FS employees, the FS felt strongly that an OIG Special Agent should be assigned to assist AUSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in this case. It was learned that in (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)

informed OIG Special Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that the FS (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) declined to be interviewed. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) BLM in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to be interviewed.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and DOI BLM SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who is currently the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 8):

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

In regards to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that it was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

When asked about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) believed the intent was to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS and that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who has been (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the following (Exhibit 9):

(b)(6) is aware that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) To (b)(6) understanding, the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS decided that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6) explained that since the time that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FS

has been working closely with OGC, DOJ, and BLM so that the FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on FS land and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The FS has (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of FS land, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) In the FS, (b)(6)

stated that there was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FS received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In (b)(6) opinion, (b)(6) believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Since the time that (b)(6)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FS, (b)(6) believed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FS
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Therefore, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation was reviewed by the United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for criminal prosecution. However, it was declined.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-2748-1224

DATE: FEB 22 2012

TITLE:

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

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

Arizona

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

CASE TYPE: SNAP Trafficking

"TITLE CONTINUES"

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY:

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Title Continued

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



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(b)(6);
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Arizona were illegally trafficking United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits via the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card system. This investigation was originally conducted as part of survey file number SF-2710-0062 and was later opened under file number SF-2748-1224.

Investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AZ, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) occasions, allowed an undercover (UC) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) UC's (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed and admitted that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (Exhibit 1). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) UC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

A review of records maintained by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AZ showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was authorized to redeem food stamps under Authorization Number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The Office of Inspector General, Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Office of Special Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AZ conducted this investigation jointly.

UNLAWFUL USE OF FOOD STAMPS-ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE
TITLE 13, SECTION 3701(A)(1)

UC transactions were conducted at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and were summarized in the following chart:

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

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

Agent's Note:

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

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

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

The Arizona Attorney General's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) AZ obtained indictments and/or plea agreements for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not indicted.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty to Illegally Conducting an Enterprise, a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) felony, and Unlawful Use of Food Stamps, a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) felony. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had not been sentenced as of the date of this Report of Investigation.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) pled guilty to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) felony, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was sentenced to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) years with the Arizona Department of Corrections. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was ordered to pay a fine of \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and restitution of \$ (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the USDA.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-2751-0021

DATE:

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

TITLE:

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

CASE TYPE: False Claims/False Statements
National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Fraud

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

(b)(6)

APPROVED BY: LORI CHAN
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was opened to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) California over-claimed meal counts in violation of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National School Lunch Program (NSLP) rules and regulations. The NSLP is administered by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) through the California Department of Education (CDE).

The investigation revealed the school did not show an inflated number of participants.

DETAILS

This investigation was initiated based upon a referral from a hotline complaint. The complainant, who wished to remain anonymous (AC), indicated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The AC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of the Special Nutrition Program Site Application for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for school year (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) indicated the school participated in the NSLP, the School Breakfast Program (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). During this time period, the school claimed a total of (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Special Agent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spoke with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with the California Department of Education (CDE). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was part of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) does not report reimbursement numbers directly to CDE; they report their numbers to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) to CDE. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated there were no new concerns regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The allegations could not be substantiated, therefore this case is being closed without further action by this office.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-3301-0139	DATE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
CASE TYPE: Migratory Bird Treaty Act	

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

(b)(6)

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) violated the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The investigation determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had violated administrative regulations, thereby possibly violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

BACKGROUND**Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

Migratory birds are of great ecological and economic value to this country and to other countries. They contribute to biological diversity and bring tremendous enjoyment to millions of Americans who study, watch, feed, or hunt these birds throughout the United States (U.S.) and other countries. The U.S. has recognized the critical importance of this shared resource by ratifying international, bilateral conventions for the conservation of migratory birds. Such conventions include the Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds with Great Britain on behalf of Canada 1916, the Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals-Mexico 1936, the Convention for the Protection of Birds and Their Environment-Japan 1972, and the Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Birds and Their Environment-Union of Soviet Socialist Republics 1978. These migratory bird conventions impose substantive obligations on the U.S. for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats, and through the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (Act), the U.S. has implemented these migratory bird conventions with respect to the U.S..

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

16 USC § 703 Taking, killing or possessing migratory birds unlawfully**(a) In general**

Unless and except as permitted by regulations made as hereinafter provided in this subchapter, it shall be unlawful at any time, by any means or in any manner, to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture, or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to barter, barter, offer to purchase, purchase, deliver for shipment, ship, export, import, cause to be shipped, exported, or imported, deliver for transportation, transport or cause to be transported, carry or cause to be carried, or receive for shipment, transportation, carriage, or export, any migratory bird, any part, nest, or egg of any such bird, or any product, whether or not manufactured, which consists, or is composed in whole or part, of any such bird or any part, nest, or egg thereof, included in the terms of the conventions between the U.S. and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916 (39 Stat. 1702), the U.S. and the United Mexican States for the protection of migratory birds and game mammals concluded February 7, 1936, the U.S. and the Government of Japan for the protection of migratory birds and birds in danger of extinction, and their environment concluded March 4, 1972, and the convention between the U.S. and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the conservation of migratory birds and their environments concluded November 19, 1976.

DETAILS

The Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services, issued USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services (WS) a Depredation Permit. These permits were issued annually. The Depredation Permit authorized (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The following information details the history of regulations pertinent between USDA/APHIS/WS and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
- On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) signed the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that regulated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The SOP contained the limits which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Contained within the SOP regulations, under the heading General/Specific Safety Regulations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by USDA/OIG agents (Exhibit 1)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA/APHIS/WS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by USDA/OIG Special Agent (SA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA/APHIS/WS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by USDA/OIG SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed by USDA/OIG SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the following was stated in substance.

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

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a detailed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA/OIG SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA/APHIS/WS, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were interviewed by USDA/OIG SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Both (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The facts of the investigation were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney within the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) wherein it was requested that a report of investigation be drafted and submitted for their review.

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Western Region
Oakland, California



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER: SF-3350-0186

DATE:

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

TITLE:

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

CASE TYPE: Violations of the Plant Protection Act

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

LORI CHAN
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine whether (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) CA violated provisions of the Plant Protection Act by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation was unable to determine whether (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) filled orders destined to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The investigation was also unable to establish whether (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) inspectors.

7 U.S.C. § 7734- PLANT PROTECTION ACT

This investigation was initiated based on information received from USDA, APHIS - Investigative and Enforcement Services (IES). Investigators with IES interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided information which alleged (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were violating the Plant Protection Act (Exhibit 1). Specifically, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) alleged that during (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) both of which have specific importation requirements.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was re-interviewed by investigators and Special Agents of IES and the USDA, Office of Inspector General/Investigations (OIG) wherein (b)(6) provided further details about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2).

Based on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interview, a review of documents from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) was conducted, in an attempt to identify (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the presentation (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The review did not uncover the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

IES coordinated with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, APHIS Plant Protection and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) APHIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding any knowledge (b)(6) might have pertaining to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) APHIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

SA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding any knowledge (b)(6) might have pertaining to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) APHIS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

An Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) declined to pursue this matter criminally due to (b)(5)

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United States Department of Agriculture
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL-INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Tempe, TX

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-170-3	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
	(TITLE CONTINUES)		
CASE TYPE:	Interstate Transportation of Property Obtained by Fraud		

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

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

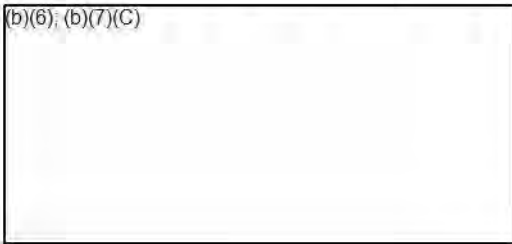
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TITLE CONTINUED

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

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine whether (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) devised a scheme to defraud (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The investigation revealed that during the period of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) purchased (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) totaling (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) different companies throughout the United States. The investigation determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

BACKGROUND

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS).

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

The AMS received complaints from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

A review of AMS records revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Further review revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

AMS sought and obtained (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Additional information was developed during this investigation that cannot be released.

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OBTAINED BY FRAUD

A review by the Reporting Agent (RA) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Secretary of State records revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was incorporated in the State of (b)(6); on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under file number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was listed as the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review by the RA of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Secretary of State records revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was incorporated in the State of (b)(6); on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under file number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was listed as the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review by the RA of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Secretary of State records revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was incorporated in the State of (b)(6); on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) under file number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was listed as the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review by the RA of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) revealed the following:

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

The RA contacted numerous (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-AMS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

advised the RA that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) removed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the jurisdiction of USDA-AMS. The only recourse (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A review of the USDA-AMS complaint file on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

advised the RA that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

advised the

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

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

The facts associated with this investigation have been provided to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who has agreed to prosecute this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-753-1	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
	(TITLE CONTINUES)		
CASE TYPE:	Theft of Government Funds		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

ABELINO FARIAS, JR.
Special Agent-in-Charge


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TITLE CONTINUED

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

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stole money from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) administered by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

This investigation was not able to substantiate criminal activity regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) involvement in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). However, during the investigation information was obtained that concerned (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) involvement in FAS'S (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) using the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) notified the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CCC paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) payment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). This investigation revealed that from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sent only (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of that amount to the CCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) agreed to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CCC.

Information was developed during the course of this investigation that cannot be disclosed.

For clarity, this report will be sectionalized by the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

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

This investigation was initiated at the request of the Compliance, Security and Emergency Planning Division, FAS, Washington, D.C., who found substantial inconsistencies and possible fraud concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The compliance division conducted a thorough investigation and suspended (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as a result. The information obtained to further the investigation into (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cannot be disclosed. Therefore, we cannot add to the results of the compliance division's findings. The information obtained by our office was presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined to prosecute.

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

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS, USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS documents that showed the following:

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) applied to participate in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The application was submitted by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) application was accepted by FAS.

A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice number (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed that (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The terms showed that (b)(4); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The invoice was signed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) included in the invoice dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was signed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

A Form CCC- (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) invoice number (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The request was approved by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS, USDA, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

In letters dated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) officially notified FAS that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Included in the notification, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CCC titled (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to the CCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CCC. FAS, through the CCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which is approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

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On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a meeting was held between Assistant United States Attorney (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

During the meeting, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) amount from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

Date	From	Amount
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) an FAS employee named (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) claimed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and that FAS would (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1) contained in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) file with FAS showed that the CCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) respectively. A (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2) showed that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the CCC sent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which represented (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) or approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS employee, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 3) that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) concerning (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FAS (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The findings of this investigation were presented to a criminal Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined to prosecute. However, the findings were referred to a civil AUSA who filed a complaint (Exhibit 4) against (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requesting a judgment of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that was owed to the CCC. Also, on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5) was filed in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) admitted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) failed to reimburse the CCC funds (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) waived (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) rights to process and consented to the amount owed to the CCC. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a Consent Judgment (Exhibit 6) was filed ordering (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to pay the CCC (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with accruing interest.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL – INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Temple, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-801-0135	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 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) knowingly violated the restriction time frame for outside employment (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Investigation determined (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)

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

Investigation also revealed, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) it was determined there was no undue influence for gain and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

wasn't working for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during that time. Additionally, there was no loss to the government, and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) while employed with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was within the boundaries of the ethics regulations as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) only had to wait a minimum of one year before (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) could (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The investigation did not provide substantive evidence that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) acted unethically or violated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) restriction period for former federal employees when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) obtained employment with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Furthermore, no substantive evidence was found that there were any (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as purported, when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) therefore, this investigation was terminated.

BACKGROUND

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

On or about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this office was notified of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) between

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Furthermore, it was reported

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) may have acted unethically by obtaining employment with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) before (b)(6) restriction period for federal employees had expired.

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a
 sworn statement in which (b)(6) said (Exhibit 1):

(b)(6) was hired by the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was assigned to
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was to
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Upon review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the scope of
 the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The first time (b)(6) ever heard of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (Exhibit 2) (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)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 3), which was attached to the email regarding (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and determined that it had nothing to do with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) involvement with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) reviewed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4) and recognized it as (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) provided a sworn statement in which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 5) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) conducted a review of a spreadsheet (Exhibit 6) containing a list of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and noted the following:

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

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

The first time (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in an official capacity, was when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 2) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

(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) USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6) explained that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had
nothing to do with (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) provided a sworn statement in which (b)(6) said (Exhibit 8):

(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)

was interviewed

and stated that (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) were brought to

their attention and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The Reporting Agent (RA), obtained and reviewed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) personnel records from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 9), and determined that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Further review determined (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The RA obtained the government email account of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). A comprehensive examination of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government email account was conducted. During the course of the examination, all of the provided emails were reviewed and keyword searches were conducted; however, no emails were recovered which appeared to be in regard to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attempting to procure outside employment or any irregularities (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This investigation was discussed with an Assistant United States Attorney (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who declined criminal prosecution of this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL - INVESTIGATIONS
Southwest Region
Tempe, TX



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	Te-0801-0144	DATE:	August 2, 2013
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Forest Service (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Misconduct		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

Mary L. Lewis

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Date: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

MARY L. LEWIS
Special Agent-in-Charge

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Forest Service (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) utilized (b)(6) government-issued computer to view and/or store child pornography.

The investigation revealed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government-issued computer contained no evidence relating to child pornography. However, the investigation determined (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) utilized (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) personal computer to view and/or store child pornography.

This investigation was conducted jointly with the Department of Homeland Security and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State Police.

BACKGROUND

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Forest Service, Law Enforcement and Investigations, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) notified this office that on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed by agents from the Department of Homeland Security and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) State Police regarding the alleged possession of child pornography on (b)(6) home computer. During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) confessed to the allegations and subsequently was placed upon administrative leave.

Forest Service Agents seized (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government computer and peripheral support devices for storage of digital media (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) resigned (b)(6) position with the Forest Service effective (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO MATERIAL INVOLVING THE SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION OF MINORS - 18 U.S.C. 2252

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the Reporting Agent (RA) forwarded (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) government-issued computer to the National Computer Forensics Division (NCFD) for forensics examination to determine if there was any evidence of the viewing and/or storage of adult or child pornography.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the NCFD provided the RA with the results of the forensic examination which showed no evidence relating to adult or child pornography. The results of the forensics examination were provided to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) County District Attorney's Office.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the United States District Court, Western District of Arkansas, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was indicted on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) counts of receiving child pornography (Exhibit 1). The indictment also contains a forfeiture allegation which states that upon conviction of any count of the indictment, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) shall forfeit to the United States any visual depiction of child pornography and any and all computer equipment used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the possession of child pornography.

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



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	AT-0301-0075	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	False Crop Reports		

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

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

KAREN CITIZEN-WILCOX
Special Agent-in-Charge

Distribution:

- 1 – Director, Operations Review and Analysis Staff, FSA (Liaison Officer)
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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6) official capacity, created and/or instructed others to create false crop acreage reports for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) crop year. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is currently employed as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

The facts associated with this investigation were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who accepted the matter for prosecution.

BACKGROUND

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) contacted the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Suboffice on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to discuss an incident of potential FSA employee misconduct in the State of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On or around (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the FSA State Office generated an internal report to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

FSA database (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)

reports were fraudulently created by FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

USDA,

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

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

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

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

reports were created (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)

Further, the creation of the false reports

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

FALSE CROP REPORTS – 18 U.S.C. § 2072

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA Office on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was provided an employee warning prior to the interview and agreed to waive (b)(6) rights (Exhibit 1). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the interview to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) At the conclusion of the interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a hand-written statement (Exhibit 2). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information, in pertinent part:

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

As a follow up, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA office on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was provided an employee warning prior to the interview and agreed to waive (b)(6) rights (Exhibit 3). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USDA, FSA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during the interview (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) At the conclusion of the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a hand-written statement (Exhibit 4). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information, in pertinent part:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA office at (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) FSA database (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On the day (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) disclosed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA office on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was provided an employee warning prior to the interview and agreed to waive (b)(6) rights (Exhibit 5). At the conclusion of the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a hand-written statement (Exhibit 6). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information, in pertinent part:

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

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was interviewed in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) FSA office on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was provided an employee warning prior to the interview and agreed to waive (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) rights (Exhibit 7). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during the interview to provide (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) At the conclusion of the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided a hand-written statement (Exhibit 8). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided the following information, in pertinent part:

(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)

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

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

FSA documents. The false reports (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

reported (Exhibit 21) the following over the course of the investigation.

FSA discovered

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

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

The facts associated with this investigation were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) who accepted the matter for 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-0401-0492	DATE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		
CASE TYPE:	Acts Affecting a Personal Financial Interest/Conflict of Interest		

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

APPROVED BY: (b)(6)

KAREN CITIZEN-WILCOX
Special Agent-in-Charge

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ACTS AFFECTING A PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST – 18 U.S.C. § 208

This investigation was conducted to determine if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (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) was involved in activities that were a conflict of interest or had an
 appearance of a conflict of interest.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) submitted an e-mail to the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) requesting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 1). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) so there would not be an
 appearance of any conflict of interest.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) issued a letter to
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) granting approval for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit
 2). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) specifically stated, "...It is your responsibility at all times to insure that the
 outside activity is proper and does not violate any rules governing conflict of interest."
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) further wrote, "If problems do arise in the future, please contact (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) ..."

A review of records, obtained from the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on that date (Exhibit 3).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was signed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4).

A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records showed (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) (Exhibit 5).

A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 6).

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (Exhibit 8) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 During the interview, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Agent's Note: An agent was able to hear part of the telephone conversation between

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

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (Exhibit 9) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 business name of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) provided records which showed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 10).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 11). (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) was interviewed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 12). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said
 in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

A review of financial records, obtained pursuant to Office of Inspector General (OIG) subpoenas, did not disclose (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The records showed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) issued a check to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

APPEARANCE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (Exhibit 13) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that as part of (b)(6) job responsibilities, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

Agent's Note: A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said an application for a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

Agent's Note: A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records confirmed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (Exhibit 14) (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)

Agent's Note: Agents observed a USDA (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

After OIG brought this to the attention of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) prior to being hired by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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

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

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (Exhibit 15) (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)

Agent's Note: A review of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) records showed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) owned by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Based upon the results of this investigation and the lack of prosecutive merit, this case was not referred to the United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NUMBER:	AT-3330-0018	DATE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
TITLE:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)		
Title Continues			
CASE TYPE:	Cockfighting		

SPECIAL AGENT:

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

APPROVED BY:

(b)(6)

EDWIN FORTÉZA

Acting Special Agent-in-Charge
for Investigations

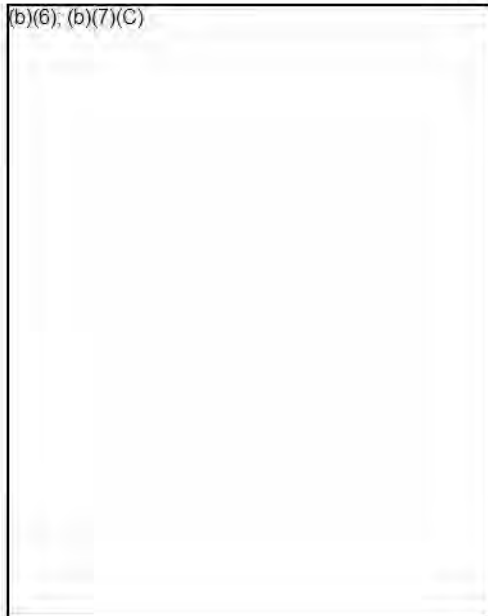
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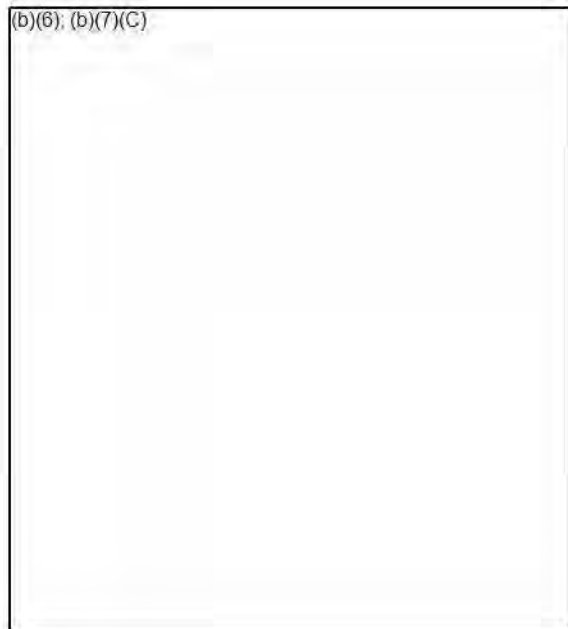
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Title Continued

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



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



SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted to investigate the activity of cockfighting events that were held in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) Special Agents worked jointly with agents from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Internal Revenue Service. This investigation disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and a number of other individuals either hosted or actively participated in cockfighting events.

BACKGROUND

Cockfighting is a blood sport in which two or more specially bred birds, known as gamecocks, are placed in an enclosure to fight for the primary purposes of gambling and entertainment. A mature gamecock resembles an ordinary rooster except it has been surgically altered, trained and conditioned for fighting. Gamecocks also generally receive vitamins, drugs and other supplements to boost their strength and endurance. The term "rooster" is synonymous with the terms "gamecock", "cock", "bird", and "chicken". Additionally, cockfighting is also a game or contest of chance in which a knife, a gaff or other sharp instruments are attached to the legs of gamecocks or roosters for the purpose of fighting each other. A typical cockfight is held in an enclosed area known as a cockfighting pit. These fights can last anywhere from several minutes to more than half an hour and are supervised by a referee. The cockfight usually results in the death of one of the birds and sometimes it ends in the death of both.

Handlers, spectators, referees, feeders and promoters are individuals that are part of the cockfighting culture. Handlers are the individuals who heel (i.e. tie the implements on the legs of the gamecocks) and handle the birds during the cockfighting match. Spectators are individuals who attend cockfights for an opportunity to gamble or to be entertained. Feeders train and condition birds for fighting. Referees officiate in the cockfighting pit during the cockfight. Promoters usually own or control the fight location and are responsible for all arrangements necessary to conduct the event. Furthermore, the promoters are responsible for scheduling the events, setting entry fees, providing the pits and pit supplies, selecting the matchmakers, timekeepers and referees as well as making the arrangements for security precautions.

Promoters set and collect admission fees as part of their income and may even rent out cockhouses (i.e. small sheds containing a work bench and stalls to house fighting cocks) to cockfighters traveling from a distance. The promoter also controls any vendors, food and liquor sales and any house gambling. Frequently, a promoter or group of cockfighters will form a game club that sets a season fight schedule and requires a paid membership in order to attend cockfights and enter derbies.

Derbies are a series of individual cockfights. For example, a five cock derby is a derby where the fight participants pay an entry fee to enter five birds into a cockfighting competition. The cockfighter whose roosters win the most fights in this five cock derby wins the purse less an amount retained by the promoter.

18 U.S.C. § 371 - CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
7 U.S.C. § 2156 - UNLAWFUL ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE

In (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) informed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) DNR, that (b)(6) received information through an informant that an organized cockfight was being held (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in an unknown location (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina (Exhibit 1). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) subsequently interviewed this informant and allowed the informant to attend additional cockfighting events which were held on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). After the informant attended these events, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was informed that these events were held in the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina. On the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the informant attended a cockfighting event (Exhibit 2) which was located at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of South Carolina (hereafter (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)). While attending this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the cockfighting activities. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is currently in the possession of the United States Attorney's Office, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina. Exhibit 3 summarizes the fight dates, attendee's names and the image location on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the individuals that participated in these events.

Investigator's Notes (Exhibit 4) showed the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) event was held at a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for cockfighting. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with this cockfighting operation. At this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the participants and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The entry fee for each bird was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Spectators were charged an admission fee of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) spectators attended this fight and they witnessed about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting matches. Each fight lasted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The fights occurred in a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

While at this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) some of the fights. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) some of the fights. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was also observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) birds. During this (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by its handlers. An unknown (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which was subsequently identified through (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was also seen (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event. Furthermore, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event. Page 2 of Exhibit 4 specifically details the activities of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

Investigator's Notes (Exhibit 5) showed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attended another cockfighting event at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). This event was a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which had approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entrants. The entry fee was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per bird and each fighter had to pay (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were also (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) some of these fights while (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) birds at this event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were once again (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has cockfights held in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) disclosed that these (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) are (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and participated as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Furthermore, these events were held on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were provided with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and had to pay an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fee. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) percent of these were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fighters. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fighters (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fee to enter this event was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fee was given to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was given to the cockfighters. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that prior to each match, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for each fighter. After the conclusion of these events, the fighter (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was not sure if (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) or (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fee. Additionally, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) suspects that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) may have had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) regarding cockfighting events. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated fights (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) may (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for their services.

While attending the above-referenced cockfighting events (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received information that additional cockfighting events were being held in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina (hereafter (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)). This cockpit is (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has been in operation for the past (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were also observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigator's Notes (Exhibit 7) showed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attended a cockfighting event in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Upon entering the facility, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) encountered (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) to join the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This association is a cockfighting events. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) completed a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A copy of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is displayed on page 6 of Exhibit 5.

During this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had to (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) because in this cockfighting community it is cockfighting event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as well as approximately (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event. Some individuals were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) people were present cockfighting activities. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) in the Most of the birds (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) witnessed approximately (b)(6); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fights. All of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) birds (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Investigator's Notes (Exhibit 8) showed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attended another cockfighting event at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) gamecock fights and was able to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) One of these fights involved a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) roosters through the use of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was concerned that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) At this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) witnessed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) performing duties as a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) informed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

While at this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) well as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) information (Exhibit 9). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was seen at this event performing duties as a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were also seen (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) after reviewing (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of this event, was subsequently able to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event.

Investigator's Notes (Exhibit 10) showed on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) another cockfighting event at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event and were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as described in the previous event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was able to obtain (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) into this contest. Additionally, was identified as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated at this particular event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) After (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

the next fights; while (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) However, while (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) one of these
 matches, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) witnessed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 assisted (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) with this operation. Furthermore, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) disclosed that
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) these birds on
 behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Later (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about whether
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which was attached (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) eventually discovered
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) started (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was discovered.
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) about why (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and eventually was asked (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this property (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6) (b)(6) was present when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cock fighting (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and
 disclosed that the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this location was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) According to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) is probably (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina. (b)(6) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the property and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) because (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) said (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 or the fighters. While entering this facility, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Additionally, everyone (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this money and these monies were
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) into a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Entry fees were collected by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at these events as well
 as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Fight results were
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This location has an (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) The
 winner receives (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6) is involved. This pit also had about (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 fighters. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at one of these matches.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised (Exhibit 11) (b)(6)
 has attended approximately (b)(6) cockfighting events at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Upon (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) visit, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has seen (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the cockfighting events in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) used the
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for the cockfighting events. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at these
 events. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) also disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) may have paid (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at one of these events was approximately
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the fights. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting event. (b)(6) estimated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were present at this fight.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) photographs of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) creation. This Exhibit
(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) Additionally, Exhibit 14 is a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
document which disclosed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the cockfighting event held
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) showed a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that was

Exhibit 15 is a collection of photographic evidence taken at the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) location. This Exhibit contains photographs of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as well as a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This Exhibit also contains photographs of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that were used to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) these events, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the birds, South Carolina of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Exhibit 16 is a copy the execution of the search warrant, consists of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which was seized during cockfighting community. Specifically (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) individuals (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) as well as (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

The (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which were seized at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were produced by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). This entity (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was asked to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) request (Exhibit 17), records relating to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) products that were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 18) which disclosed that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and other cockfighting paraphernalia were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) via (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Carolina. These items were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). Additionally, on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) South Carolina. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); attended a cockfighting event in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 4). At this (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) This event was a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which consisted of a total of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fights. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at this event.

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was also (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 19). At this event, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting event (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which consisted of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fighters. The winner's purse for this event was approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) observed (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) another cockfighting event at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 5). At this event (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) along with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) were involved in another (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting event. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) had an entry fee of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per bird and approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) individuals entered (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The winning purse for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) this purse was approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was once again observed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 6) when (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting events at (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) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) event and was informed by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Exhibit 7, page 4), (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) that the winning pot was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). After these (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) fights were completed, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) the event (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

On (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) while at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was able to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the cockfighting facility (Exhibit 8). However, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) did notice that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (Exhibit 20) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has been (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting for approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and has attended fights in (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that typically (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) would (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entrance fee for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has attended (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) cockfighting events at least (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). There were usually approximately (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) entrants and the entry fee (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attended a (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). The entry fees during this event for the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) was (b)(6); (b)(7)(C). (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) sometimes (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) stated (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) winnings while the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) received (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) obtained from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Winnings were (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) advised that (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) has no (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) of the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) but there was much talk of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).

The results of the investigation were presented to an Assistant United States Attorney, District of South Carolina, who accepted the matter for prosecution.
