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U.S. General Services Administration
Office of Inspector General

2/17/23

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request (OIG Tracking Number 23-017)

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, (FOIAonline Tracking No. GSA-2023-000699), received by the General Services Administration, Office of Inspector General's (GSA OIG) FOIA Office on January 23, 2023 for:

"[A] copy of the final report/closing report/closing memo, referral memo, conclusory documents for each of these closed GSA OIG investigations: Z18H00154, Z21200035, Z21200040, Z17H00037, Z18W00080, Z20700107, Z2140003, Z19700050, Z21000004, Z1545357, Z20W00011, Z21C00008, Z20H00022 and V15000003."

We have searched GSA OIG records and found no documents responsive to your request for Z21C00008, Z19700050, Z21400003, and Z21200040. Upon review of the responsive material, I determined you are entitled to portions of the requested material under the FOIA. My review included consideration of the 'foreseeable harm standard', i.e., information which might technically fall within an exemption should not be withheld from a FOIA requester unless the agency can identify a foreseeable harm or legal bar to disclosure. The bases for any redacted and withheld information are Exemptions 6, 7A and 7C of the FOIA.

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

Finally, Exemption 7(A) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(7)(A), protects from disclosure records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. This exemption applies to cases that have been converted to other cases which remain open, or they are related to other open cases. Release of information pertaining to those matters could reasonably be expected to interfere with ongoing enforcement proceedings.

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

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraph(s) and withheld records using the aforementioned FOIA exemptions, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld within 90 days of the date of this letter. You may submit an appeal electronically at: OIGFOIA-PrivacyAct@gsaig.gov, or in writing to the following address:

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

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. The appeal should include the GSA OIG FOIA Case Number (23-017). In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please include a copy of your initial request and this response. Both the appeal letter and envelope or electronic appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the GSA OIG is not receiving FOIA requests/appeals by standard mail. You may submit a FOIA request/appeal by email at OIGFOIA-PrivacyAct@gsaig.gov. Mailed FOIA requests/appeals will be processed after the GSA OIG returns to normal operations.

Should you have any questions, please contact Christopher Pehrson, GSA OIG's FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 501-1932 or via email at oigfoia-privacyact@gsaig.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure



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Office of Inspector General

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March 6, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR: FILE

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

FROM:

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

SPECIAL AGENT-IN-CHARGE (JI-10)

SUBJECT: **CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM**

JI-10 NEW DEAL ARTWORK RECOVERY PROACTIVE

File Number: V15000003

This memorandum presents the details related to this investigation.

In December 2014, JI-10 initiated this proactive investigation to identify investigative leads related to efforts to locate, identify, and recover artwork produced through the New Deal era federal art programs. Through proactive efforts, JI-10 sought out items of artwork believed to have been commissioned through one of the four New Deal art projects (Public Works of Art Project, the Works Progress Administration's Federal Art Project, the Treasury Department's Section of Fine Arts, and the Treasury Relief Art Project). Through open source research and information provided by GSA's Fine Arts Program, JI-10 identified multiple leads that resulted in case initiations and artwork recoveries.

For administrative reasons, JI-10 is now closing this file.



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Southwest and Rocky Mountain Investigations Division

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May 22, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (JI-7) Digitally signed by
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: 2021.05.26
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SUBJECT: Allegations of Employee Misconduct (Ethics Violations)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GSA, Region 10
File No. Z17H00037

This is to advise you that the above-captioned investigation was officially closed on this date. This memorandum presents the findings of our investigation. No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

An anonymous complaint was submitted to the General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), alleging (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Branch Chief, GSA, violated 5 CFR Part 2635, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch. It was alleged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used government authority and GSA funding to pay college tuition costs for then subordinate, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Supervisory Contracting Specialist, GSA, Region 7. Additionally, it was alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a realtor, financially gained from the sale of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home.

Investigative efforts revealed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) approved of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attendance in college courses, and the course approval was granted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) superiors, in accordance with applicable GSA learning and development programs.

Regarding real estate transactions, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold the home of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) realty brokerage associate sold the home of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor on the date of the sale of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home. Subsequent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tenure as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) represented (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as the realtor for the purchase of land.

During the course of the investigation into allegations of ethics violations, it was revealed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GSA-issued computer, and assigned email address to send and receive emails related to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) outside employment as a realtor.

On March 8, 2021, this matter was referred to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), FAS Commissioner, Region 10, via Letterhead report and the case was closed. If you have any questions, please contact Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or me at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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March 8, 2021

TO:

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

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
FEDERAL ACQUISITION SERVICE
NORTHWEST ARCTIC REGION

FROM:

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

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

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
GSA OIG OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

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

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Date: 2021.03.08
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SUBJECT:

Allegations of Employee Misconduct (Ethics Violations)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GSA, Region 10

File No. Z17H00037

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Investigative efforts revealed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) approved of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) attendance in college courses, and the course approval was granted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) superiors, in accordance with applicable GSA learning and development programs.

Regarding real estate transactions, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold the home of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sister, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) realty brokerage associate sold the home of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor on the date of the sale of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home. Subsequent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tenure as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) represented (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as the realtor for the purchase of land.

During the course of the investigation into allegations of ethics violations, it was revealed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GSA-issued computer, and assigned email address to send and receive emails related to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) outside employment as a realtor.

On January 12, 2021, during a voluntary interview with agents, and subsequent to the required Non-Custodial Warning and Assurance to Employee (Garrity), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) answered questions related to the allegations of ethics violations, and use of government equipment in furtherance

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of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal business as a real estate agent. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) statements related to the allegations of ethical violations corroborated the facts of the investigation, and the allegations were determined to be without merit.

Regarding the use of government equipment in furtherance of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal business, agents presented (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with approximately seven (7) emails wherein (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) utilized (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assigned email address, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@gsa.gov, to send or receive messages related to real estate inquiries or transactions. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted using (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) government email for personal emails, but indicated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not “run (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) business” out of GSA. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not recall the circumstances surrounding why (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would have used (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) government email instead of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal email, and thought using it for one or two personal emails was acceptable. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted using (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GSA email for personal realty was not appropriate and the perception of using GSA email for personal realty was not good in contracting work. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tried not to use (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) government email for personal business interest, but may have sent the occasional email about properties. With respect to using GSA email for personal realty related activity, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) “would try harder to stop.”

You are advised that this report is from a system of records known as GSA/ADM 24, Investigation Case Files, which is subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. Consequently, this report may be disclosed to appropriate GSA officials who have a need for it in the performance of their duties pursuant to a routine use. Persons disclosing this information publicly or to others not having an official need to know are subject to possible administrative, civil and criminal penalties.

This report is being sent to you for any action you deem necessary. We have concluded our review into this matter. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), or me directly at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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January 5, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (JI-7) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Digitally signed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: 2021 01 05 16:49:50 -0600

SUBJECT: Utilizing Public Office for Private Gain – (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), et al.
File No. Z18H00154

This is to advise you that the above-captioned investigation was officially closed on this date. This memorandum presents the findings of our investigation. No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

The General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Fort Worth, TX, received an anonymous complaint that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Contract Specialist, GSA, Region 7, was conducting private business on official duty time. It was further alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Supervisory Contract Specialist, GSA, Region 7, an attorney, had an outside law practice and had been observed taking calls for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) practice on official duty time. According to the complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) hired (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was promoted to Section Chief following six months of employment. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was selected to be a GS-13 after approximately six months of employment with the GSA. It was alleged that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) violated outside work provisions, and were also in violation of prohibited personnel practices and Federal Employment Hiring Practices.

GSA OIG initiated an investigation to determine if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) violated their telework agreements and misused official time. Agents requested personnel records and GSA emails. During the early part of 2020, almost all GSA employees were instructed to telework fulltime due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Because all employees were working from home, the amount of time elapsed since the allegation, and a lack of investigative resources, this case was closed and no additional action was taken.

If you have any questions, please contact Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or me at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Office of Inspector General

August 9, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

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

FROM:

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

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS (JI-W)

SUBJECT:

Closing Memorandum RE:
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - **Possible Employee Misconduct**
Case Number: Z18W00080

This memorandum presents the findings of an investigation conducted by Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

The General Services Administration (GSA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a referral from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Contract Specialist, GSA. On April 25, 2017, the ATF, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret Service, and Metropolitan Police Department executed a search warrant at the residence of Keith Young (K. Young) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Both K. Young and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were present at the residence when the search warrant was executed. As a result of this search warrant, law enforcement recovered two kilograms of heroin laced with fentanyl valued at approximately \$180,000, a loaded firearm, 170 rounds of ammunition, multiple extended ammunition magazines, and various drug paraphernalia.

Following an April, 2018 jury trial, K. Young was found guilty of unlawful possession with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition by a person convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year. K. Young was sentenced to 20 years in prison. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was not charged by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

The ATF provided GSA OIG with recorded jail video conferences and telephone calls between K. Young and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in which it appeared (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may have communicated knowledge of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) drug scheme as well as participation in the scheme. Additionally, K. Young made several mentions of approximately \$40,000 still being owed to him "on the street" as part of the drug trafficking operation. ATF agents advised GSA OIG that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) discussed meeting with individuals known to the ATF to be involved in drug trafficking.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by GSA-OIG special agents. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted selling a firearm to an individual (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) knew as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) described the firearm as a pistol and stated "I just wanted it out of my house." The pistol was not found by law enforcement during the search warrant

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executed at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) house, as it was hidden inside of a couch. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had no money at the time and was doing what (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wanted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to do (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not know the serial number or the make and model of the pistol. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not recall receiving money from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for the pistol but later took possession of the pistol back from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then provided the pistol to another friend for a period of time after receiving it back from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then sold the pistol back to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for approximately \$400. At the conclusion of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed an affidavit. In the affidavit, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received \$500 from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for the pistol (Attachment D).

In the interview with GSA-OIG special agents, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted receiving approximately \$3,500 from an individual (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) knew as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),” and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that amount was part of the \$40,000 owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) “on the street.” The \$3,500 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was the only amount of the \$40,000 owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) collected. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spent that money on rent, groceries, and food, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) put some of the money in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) jail account. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has since been arrested and is presently incarcerated.

As part of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sentencing, a forfeiture judgement was issued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The judgement included \$40,000 that was owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in commission with Count One that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was charged and found guilty of, Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute One Kilogram or More of Heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 (a)(1) and 841 (b)(1)(A)(i) (Attachment E).

During jail video and telephone calls, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made references to smoking marijuana and being high while partaking in a video visitation. In the interview with GSA-OIG special agents, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recreationally smoked marijuana on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal time, and stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never smoked marijuana while at work or in telework status.

This matter was previously declined for prosecution by the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia prior to GSA OIG involvement. New evidence uncovered by the OIG in this matter was presented for prosecution to the Superior Court for the District of Columbia on March 6, 2020. It was declined for prosecution by the Superior Court for the District of Columbia on December 29, 2020.

On April 6, 2021, a Letter Report was issued to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Regional Commissioner, GSA, Public Buildings Service, National Capital Region. The Letter Report was for informational purposes only and no response was required from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).



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April 2, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC BUILDINGS SERVICE (PBS)
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (WP)

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS (JI-W)

SUBJECT: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Contract Specialist
Public Buildings Service (WPH1CB)

File Number: Z18W00080

This memorandum is furnished to you for your information and any action you may deem appropriate.

The General Services Administration (GSA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a referral from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Contract Specialist, GSA. On April 25, 2017, the ATF, with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret Service, and Metropolitan Police Department executed a search warrant at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the residence of Keith Young (K. Young) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Both K. Young and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were present at the residence when the search warrant was executed. As a result of this search warrant, law enforcement recovered two kilograms of heroin laced with fentanyl valued at approximately \$180,000, a loaded firearm, 170 rounds of ammunition, multiple extended ammunition magazines, and various drug paraphernalia.

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The information developed during our investigation revealed three concerns that we are bringing to your attention. First, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) may have illegally sold a pistol to an associate of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was incarcerated on drug charges. Second, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) collected approximately \$3,500 of \$40,000 owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) "on the street" from a known narcotics associate of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was incarcerated on drug charges. Third, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) occasionally smokes marijuana.

This matter was previously declined for prosecution by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia prior to GSA OIG involvement. New evidence uncovered by the OIG in this matter was presented for prosecution to the Superior Court for the District of Columbia on March 6, 2020. It was declined for prosecution by the Superior Court for the District of Columbia on December 29, 2020.

Background

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is employed as a Contract Specialist, GS-12/5, by the Public Buildings Service, Construction Services Center, Washington, DC, where (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been employed since (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (Attachment A).

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the District of Columbia, provided GSA OIG with transcripts of select video visitation videos between K. Young and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that were used at trial against K. Young (Attachment B). GSA OIG agents reviewed these transcripts along with recorded jail video conferences and telephone calls between K. Young and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). In these recordings, K. Young spoke often about having approximately \$40,000 owed to him "on the street." During these conversations, K. Young instructed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to reach out to individuals identified by nicknames they used, at a barbershop to collect money owed to K. Young. K. Young also instructed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to ride around neighborhoods looking for certain individuals that could put (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in contact with people that owed K. Young money. ATF agents had prior knowledge that the area where K. Young directed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to look for these individuals is a known drug trafficking area. ATF agents have identified some of the individuals K. Young instructed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to make contact with as individuals engaged in drug trafficking.

Unlawful Possession and Transfer of Firearm in the District of Columbia

In the recordings, it appeared (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was in possession of an item belonging to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that law enforcement agents had missed during the search warrant of their residence (Attachments C, D). K. Young referred to this item as "people's champ" and "people's champion." On some calls, K. Young referenced that a pistol charge was going to be dropped and on other calls he referenced that the "people's champion" was going to be dropped. From this, agents believe the terms "people's champ" and "people's champion" were references to a firearm that was still at the residence.

During conversations between April 25, 2017, and June 22, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and K. Young made references to "the thing they didn't find in here." They discussed selling the "people's champion" for between \$500 and \$600. K. Young informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could get "a nickel" for the people's champion. On June 3, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told K. Young (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold "what they didn't find in here" for "five." Agents believe both "nickel" and "five" meant \$500.

A review of the jail calls seemed to reveal (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold the "people's champion" twice. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) first sold the item to an individual referred to as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Discussions indicate that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) later got it back from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) later informed K. Young (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold the item to an individual named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). After K. Young asked how much it was sold for and instructed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to "say some sign language" about the price, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated "five dollars and sixty cents." Agents believe this comment meant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold the item for \$560.

When questioned by OIG agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted selling a firearm to an individual (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) knew as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) described the firearm as a pistol and stated "I just wanted it out of my house." The pistol was not found by law enforcement during the search warrant executed at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) house, as it was hidden inside of a couch. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had no money at the time and was doing what (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wanted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to do. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not know the serial number or the make and model of the pistol. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not recall receiving money from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for the pistol but later took possession of the pistol back from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then provided the pistol to another friend for a period of time after receiving it back from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then sold the pistol back to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for approximately \$400. Additionally, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used the term "people's champion" as a nickname for a pistol. At the conclusion of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) completed an affidavit. In the affidavit, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wrote (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received \$500 from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for the pistol (Attachment D).

A check of ATF and District of Columbia records by OIG agents revealed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is not a licensed firearms dealer in the District of Columbia.

Collection of Drug Money

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) often about finances. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) appeared to be in financial distress after (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) arrest. On one occasion, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that his "friend from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)" stopped by and gave (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) money that appeared to have been owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) "on the street." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated the amount of money was "thirty-five eighty," which agents believe meant \$3,580.

In (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interview with OIG agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted receiving approximately \$3,500 from an individual (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) knew as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted that amount was part of the \$40,000 owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) "on the street." The \$3,500 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was the only amount of the \$40,000 owed to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) collected. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) spent that money on rent, groceries, and food, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) put some of the money in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) jail account. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has since been arrested and is presently incarcerated (Attachment D).

As part of K. Young's sentencing, a forfeiture judgement was issued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The judgement included \$40,000 that was owed to K. Young in commission with Count One that he was charged and found guilty of, Unlawful Possession with Intent to Distribute One Kilogram or More of Heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 (a)(1) and 841 (b)(1)(A)(i) (Attachment E).

Marijuana Use

During jail video and telephone calls, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made references to smoking marijuana and being high while partaking in a video visitation. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also indicated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) grew marijuana which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used, and made references to purchasing marijuana (Attachment C). When interviewed by OIG agents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) indicated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recreationally smoked marijuana on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal time, and stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never smoked marijuana while at work or in telework status (Attachment D).

You are advised that this report is from a system of records known as GSA/ADM 24, Investigation Case Files, which is subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. Consequently, this report must be handled in accordance with the **WARNING!** page behind the cover.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please telephone me at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

ATTACHMENTS

- A. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SF-50 dated September 13, 2020
- B. Transcript of select Video Conferences provided by AUSA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- C. Transcript of select Video Conferences and Jail Calls compiled by GSA-OIG agents
- D. Memorandum of Interview – (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- E. U.S. District Court Forfeiture Judgement, Keith J. Young



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U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Office of Inspector General

September 21, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

FROM: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Digitally signed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Date: 2021.09.21
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS (JI-W) 09:24:55 -04'00'

SUBJECT: Closing Memorandum RE:
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Case Number: Z20H00022

This memorandum presents the findings of an investigation conducted by Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

The General Services Administration (GSA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received a hotline complaint on December 9, 2019, in which the complainant alleged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GSA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), GSA, were using OSBU travel budget to fund a romantic relationship. The complainant alleged (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) frequently traveled to be with each other and traveled to conduct meetings together in other regions which could be done virtually. The complainant also stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) travel accounted for over half of OSBU travel costs.

To investigate this matter, agents interviewed the complainant and followed up with the complainant on several occasions, conducted surveillances where (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) travelled to Washington, DC, and reviewed emails and travel records.

When interviewed by agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), stated all of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) travel was approved and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not travel to Washington, DC, or other areas unless it was completely necessary. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated it was normal for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to travel together frequently and for their travel to account for over half of the OSBU travel budget. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) travel would have been the same regardless of who was with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) describe (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as "professional" and included often socializing outside of work, but the discussions were always "work related." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has attended social events at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence in Washington, DC, but has never been there alone as other GSA and federal colleagues have been present at the same event. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) denied ever having a romantic relationship with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided agents with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) calendar entries for 2018, 2019, and 2020. Review of the calendar entries supported (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) statements to agents.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) left GSA in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2020 for a position in the private sector.

This matter is closed and no further investigation is required.



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Office of Inspector General

SOUTHEAST AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE

September 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FILE

FROM:

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

SPECIAL AGENT-IN-CHARGE

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICE (JI-4)

SUBJECT:

CASE CLOSING

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C): Employee Misconduct

Case Number: Z1545357

Digitally signed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Date: 2021.09.16 10:37:49
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This memorandum presents the findings of our investigation. No further actions or referrals are necessary to close this matter.

On August 26, 2016, GSA OIG, received an allegation by an anonymous government contractor that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Building Manager, General Services Administration (GSA), improperly advocated for the selection of a particular contractor during GSA's bidding processes. During the investigation, further allegations arose that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) improperly advocated for the selection of another particular contractor, had an improper relationship with a government contractor representative, and received a gift from a government contractor.

GSA OIG conducted an investigation to including interviewing witnesses, reviewing documents and emails, and interviewing (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on January 19, 2017.

The investigation did not disclose any indication that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advocacy for any contractor(s) was inappropriate or that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had an improper relationship with any government contractor representative.

The evidence developed during the investigation confirmed that in or about 2008 or 2009, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a United States Marine Corps (USMC) themed rug from a prohibited source, a government contractor, while (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was employed with GSA. The rug was hung in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GSA office for approximately two to three years and is now hung at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal residence. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not pay the government contractor for the rug. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) supervisor, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Deputy Director, GSA, valued the rug at approximately \$1,000.

On December 21, 2020, a Letter Report was referred to GSA regarding the investigation.

On September 1, 2021, GSA notified GSAOIG that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retired on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), and provided (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) last SF-50.

Due to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) retirement from GSA, this matter does not require any further investigation or action.

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U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Office of Inspector General

February 2, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

FROM:

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

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

SUBJECT:

CASE CLOSING MEMORANDUM

Technology Group Corporation (TCL)
Potential Security Risk and Trade Agreements Act Violations
File Number: Z21200035

This investigation was initiated on December 16, 2020, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Inspector General, New York Field Investigations Office (JI-2), 26 Federal Plaza, Room [REDACTED] New York, NY, received information disseminated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence and Analysis concerning Technology Group Corporation (TCL), a prominent Chinese electronics firm who manufactures Android Smart TVs, which are sold domestically and on the GSA schedule. DHS assessed the People's Republic of China (PRC) likely has influence over TCL, and various products pose a security risk because they have the ability to collect data from customers, including the U.S. Government, due to components with embedded design vulnerabilities.

On multiple dates in December 2020, a GSA special agent queried GSA eLibrary, GSA Advantage and the Federal Procurement Data System, and subsequently identified several companies who had various TCL products listed for sale. All listed the Country of Origin as somewhere other than China.

On December 21, 2020, a GSA special agent requested GSA Advantage sales data for the companies identified. On January 14, 2020, the information was provided, however the overall sales of TCL products was nil or minimal compared to each companies total sales. Thus, it was determined to be a GSA management issue.

On January 25, 2021, JI-2 referred the matter to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Regional Commissioner, GSA, Federal Acquisition Service, Northeast and Caribbean Region, One World Trade Center, 54th Floor, New York City, New York, for review and any action deemed appropriate.

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