

Closure Recommendation Memorandum

Case Number: 20-0060-C	Date of Entry: 9/13/2020
Primary Investigator: [redacted]	(b)(3)

Allegation Information

Narrative:

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 11 Dec 2019, [redacted] notified the National Reconnaissance Office/Office of Inspector General/[redacted] NRO/OIG, [redacted] that [redacted] (an employee of [redacted] which is a subcontractor) may be mischarging time to [redacted]. Previously (10 Dec 2019), [redacted] self-reported the possible labor mischarging to [redacted]. Additionally, [redacted] stated that [redacted] engaged their ethics team and launched a formal investigation of [redacted] timecard entries from 15 Aug 2018 (the first day supported [redacted] to 11 Dec 2019 (the day [redacted] removed [redacted] from the program). (b)(3) (b)(7)(c) (b)(3)

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] alleged actions potentially violated 18 USC §287, *False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Claims*. (b)(3) (b)(7)(c)

Last Investigative Step:

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 10 April 2020, [redacted] emailed Special Agent (SA) [redacted] a memorandum reporting its actions with regards to Subject's labor mischarging. (b)(3)

Resolution:

(U) Substantiated

Case Closure Recommendation Justification

Additional Information:

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 13 Dec 2019, SA [redacted] queried [redacted] and found that [redacted] (Subject) had NRO access from 15 Aug 2018 to 11 Dec 2019, which is when he was debriefed. This is consistent to information provided by [redacted] who stated that on 11 Dec 2019, [redacted] terminated Subject and [redacted] Security debriefed him. The NRO/OIG, [redacted] did not expand or conduct its own investigation of Subject's timecards because [redacted] formal investigation should include all dates/times Subject mischarged [redacted] NRO/OIG, [redacted] kept apprised of [redacted] actions. (b)(3) (b)(7)(c)

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] reviewed [redacted] timecards from 15 Aug 2019 to 11 Dec 2019 and compared them to the contractor facility badge records. Additionally, [redacted] checked large unaccounted for midday absences against company events (e.g., [redacted] all hands). [redacted] concluded that [redacted] mischarged 1,405.9 hours during the relevant period. (b)(3) (b)(7)(c)

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 28 Feb 2020, [redacted] issued a check to the US Treasury in the amount of [redacted]. On 12 March 2020, [redacted] confirmed that she had received the check and submitted it to the Business Plans and Operations (BPO). (b)(3) (b)(4)

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] self-reported the labor mischarging, investigated [redacted] timecards, and reimbursed the government for [redacted] mischarged time. Additionally, [redacted] provided training to its staff to address time charging and mischarging issues on the [redacted] contract. [redacted] also required [redacted] to put a remediation plan in place that outlines specific actions it will take to prevent future mischarging. No further action is required and this case is recommended for closure. (b)(3) (b)(7)(c) (b)(3)