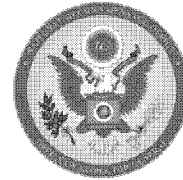




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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
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DIRECTOR, MISSION OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE
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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: (U//~~FOUO~~) Investigative Summary: Theft
(Case Number 2010-075 I)


(U//~~FOUO~~) On 17 March 2011, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) completed an investigation based on an allegation that a Harris Corporation employee had engaged in theft of public money by charging hours to an NRO contract for which she did not actually work. Please see the attached NRO OIG investigative summary report, which details the investigation results.

(U//~~FOUO~~) We request that the Director, Office of Security and Counterintelligence, place a copy of this report in the security file of the individual identified within along with a notation in the appropriate security databases. All other copies of this report are for informational purposes and should be returned to the OIG.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG investigative reports are to be read only by the individuals to whom OIG provides them, or to whom OIG specifically authorizes their release. If you believe other individuals require access to this report as part of their official duties, please let us know, and we will promptly review your request.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Please direct any questions regarding this summary to Special Agent [redacted] at secure [redacted] or to [redacted], Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, at secure [redacted]

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Lanie D'Alessandro
Inspector General

Attachment:
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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Theft - [redacted]

(Case Number 2010-075 I)

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(U) INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 17 March 2011, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) completed an investigation regarding allegations that a Harris Corporation employee was charging hours she did not work to an NRO contract. The Program Manager of the NRO's Patriot Program in the Mission Operations Directorate (MOD) notified the OIG that [redacted] had been identified by Harris officials as being suspected of submitting false hours on her timecards, which were then charged to an NRO contract.

[redacted] who worked for Harris at the [redacted] in Chantilly, Virginia, and directly charged to the Patriot contract between 1 November 2004 and 13 May 2010. [redacted] was debriefed of her security clearances [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) The investigation revealed sufficient evidence to support an OIG conclusion that [redacted] actions violated *Title 18 United States Code, Section 641, Theft of Public Money*, which makes it unlawful for anyone to convert for personal gain money stolen from a department of the United States. [redacted] mischarged approximately 3,451 hours of her time to the Patriot contract, with a fully burdened value of [redacted]. In an interview with the OIG, [redacted] confessed to submitting false hours on her timecards. Harris disciplined [redacted] by terminating her employment with the company. Moreover, she was charged with and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in Federal District Court. [redacted] was sentenced to three years supervised probation and a \$10,000 fine. The OIG considers this investigation closed.

(U) INVESTIGATIVE DETAILS

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 16 April 2010, the OIG initiated this case as a result of a referral from the Program Manager (PM) of the Patriot Program. The PM had been notified by the Harris Corporation that [redacted] may be involved in time card fraud. Initial investigative activity consisted of an interview of the Government point of contact who oversaw the group [redacted] supported. That interview revealed that [redacted] job was such that all work was conducted in Government sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF) spaces. [redacted] was responsible for reviewing requests for upgrades to or the installation of new Unclassified Mission Information Systems workstations. These requests were all managed through the classified Government Wide Access Network, which required [redacted] to be in a SCIF located in NRO's [redacted].

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Since [redacted] work required her to be in a SCIF, the OIG conducted an analysis of badge record data compared to time cards reporting. The OIG initially reviewed records covering the period of [redacted]. That initial analysis showed that [redacted] had charged 1,260 hours that were questionable as the hours were not supported by the badge record data.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) On 13 May 2010, the OIG interviewed [redacted] regarding the discrepancies with her time cards compared to badge record data. [redacted] confessed to submitting false hours on her time cards. She stated her reasons were that she did not have enough work to do and she had family issues that required much of her time. She stated that she could not consider going part time because she believed that her position on the contract would be cut. Moreover, she alleged that she was only one of many people in the office who did not have enough work to do. [redacted] provided a sworn statement outlining the fact that she submitted false hours on her timecards that were ultimately charged to the NRO via the Patriot contract. As a result of this interview, [redacted] employment with Harris was terminated on [redacted]

(U//~~FOUO~~) During her interview, [redacted] could not tell investigators when she began to falsify her time cards only suggesting that it had been going on for quite a while. Consequently, OIG initiated a further review of [redacted] timecards to cover the entire time she supported the Patriot Contract. This additional review covered the time period of [redacted] This second review revealed that [redacted] had falsified 1,907 hours during this period. Combined with the original review, the total mischarging on the part of [redacted] from [redacted] was 3,167 hours.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Based on the results of the investigation, Harris agreed that [redacted] had mischarged the Patriot contract. Harris agreed to reimburse the NRO [redacted] for approximately 3451¹ hours of her time to the Patriot contract. In addition, Harris terminated [redacted] employment on [redacted] On 15 November 2010, the OIG confirmed Harris reimbursed the NRO the full amount of [redacted] via contract credits on invoice numbers 314 through 317.

(U//~~FOUO~~) The OIG presented the facts of this case to Mr. Jack Hanly, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Criminal Division. On 31 August 2010, Mr. Hanly accepted this case for prosecution. On 17 March 2011, [redacted] pled guilty to violating *Title 18 Section 641 Theft of Public Money*.

(U) CONCLUSION

(U//~~FOUO~~) Given the guilty plea on the behalf of [redacted], Harris' credit to the NRO for the mischarged hours, and the termination of her employment, there is no further investigative action required. The OIG considers this investigation closed.

¹ Harris extrapolated the OIG data to cover up to [redacted] OIG data covered up to [redacted]