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Out of fear of getting stale, we wanted to give this award to some other department this year, but it is pretty slim pickings over in the Stephen P. Clark Center, what with their attention distracted with giving subsidies to sports teams and developers and all. Besides, how many local OIGs do you know that inspire such fear that people will flee to Hungary to avoid their prosecution? Yep, check it out on the OIG's website, www.miamidadeig.org, and read the tale about Istvan "Steven" Fazekas, an enterprising fire rescue official who got three of his colleagues and a "client" to lie to authorities as he faced 38 counts of bribery, money laundering and other charges for running a lucrative \$1 million fire sprinkler scam. When the OIG found out, they issued another warrant for his arrest. Fazekas fled to Hungary, which we think is quite an original place to flee to when facing criminal charges. (Most people run to Brazil, Mexico or a West Indies island.)

While you are at the website, browse through their reports on everything from the county employee who lied about being on jury duty to receive four months of free pay, to the millions spent on uninsured visitors who use Jackson Memorial Hospital (that right is supposed to be reserved for us county residents), to busting a member of the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust for being a lobbyist, to the mysterious "redacted" reports where the county, not the federal government, deemed fit to use homeland security as the reason for blacking out entire pages of reports made by the OIG and comments by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on the lack of security screening done to laborers working on an airport expansion project. Also, if you want to find out what some Aviation Department officials do with their time when they aren't blacking out OIG reports on security holes at Miami International Airport, check out the report titled "Violations of County Internet Service and E-mail Policies among MDAD Employees." Seems 28 or so MIA administrators like to pass the time by not only surfing the Internet for porn, but also e-mailing the more interesting pictures to each other. Hey, we all have to have our hobbies, right?