



Memorandum



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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
The Honorable Anthony Rodriguez, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: October 21, 2025

Subject: County Contractor's Employee Charged with Forging a Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) Project Manager's Signature; Ref. IG25-0015-I

Vladimir Guzman Gonzalez, an employee of JVA Engineering Contractors, Inc. (JVA), a Miami-Dade County contractor, was arrested today. Mr. Gonzalez, a Project Manager for JVA, was charged with one count of Forgery, a third-degree felony. The charge stemmed from Mr. Gonzalez's actions in submitting a permit application containing the forged signature of DTPW's project manager, on Project #20210014, a joint project between DTPW and the Water and Sewer Department, on which JVA is the contractor. The OIG conducted this investigation jointly with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO).

JVA was awarded Project #20210014 involving roadway improvements to NE 2 Avenue between 20 Street and 36 Street. The project required that City of Miami side streets be closed to traffic. Permit Applications for the street closures were required to be submitted by the contractor to the City of Miami. The permit applications had sections to be completed by Miami-Dade County as owner and by the contractor. While the permit application contained the purported signature of DTPW's Project Manager, it was not signed by him. Moreover, the project manager was not authorized to sign the permit application, as owner, for the County.

JVA was notified of the forged permit application and has resubmitted the permit and removed Mr. Gonzalez from any county projects. Mr. Gonzalez surrendered today following the issuance of an arrest warrant. The OIG is grateful for the cooperative working relationship with the SAO, as well as the assistance provided by DTPW and City of Miami personnel during the course of the investigation.

Attachment

cc: Hon. Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney
Tim VanderGiesen, Chief, Public Corruption, State Attorney's Office
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