



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: August 25, 2026

Subject: Two WASD Employees Arrested for the Fraudulent Acquisition of a Commercial Driver License, IG26-0005-I

On today's date, a joint investigation by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG), the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO), and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), resulted in the felony arrests of two Water and Sewer Department (WASD) employees, Matthew Howard, Jr. and Keith Garrod Jones. Both are alleged to have fraudulently obtained a Commercial Driver License (CDL) from a Miami-Dade County Office of the Tax Collector (Tax Collector's Office) employee, Vanessa Erika Roberts.

The OIG received a complaint that a WASD employee had fraudulently obtained a Commercial Driver License (CDL). The joint investigation revealed that after both Mr. Howard and Mr. Jones failed to successfully complete the required CDL knowledge and skills examinations, each paid to have Ms. Roberts bypass these requirements, circumventing what is required by law.

The charges stem from Ms. Roberts' misuse of the Tax Collector's Office computerized driver's license issuance system. The system includes a function commonly referred to as "reciprocity" or "reciprocation." This reciprocity function allows the office to waive standard written and driving tests for new residents who already hold a valid license from another U.S. state or territory.

Mr. Howard is charged with one count of Official Misconduct in violation of Florida Statute §838.022(1)(a), a third-degree felony; and one count of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior in violation of Florida Statute §838.016, a second-degree felony.

Mr. Jones is charged with one count of Official Misconduct in violation of Florida Statute §838.022(1)(a), a third-degree felony; and one count of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior in violation of Florida Statute §838.016, a second-degree felony.

Ms. Roberts is charged with two counts of Official Misconduct in violation of Florida Statute §838.022(1)(a), a third-degree felony; and two counts of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior in violation of Florida Statute §838.016, a second-degree felony.

The OIG appreciates the assistance of Miami-Dade County Office of the Tax Collector's staff and the OIG's law enforcement partners, the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office.

cc: Honorable Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney
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