



Memorandum



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To: The Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
The Honorable Audrey Edmonson, Chairwoman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General

Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: Criminal Charges Filed Against a Former Miami-Dade Aviation Department Employee; Ref. IG19-0027-I

A joint investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO) has ended with criminal charges filed against a former 19-year employee of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD). The SAO filed criminal charges against Omar Jameison, who most recently worked in MDAD's Finance Division as an Accountant 3, overseeing Accounts Payable. Mr. Jameison was charged with Petit Theft and Exploitation of Official Position—both misdemeanor crimes.

In November 2019, MDAD's Compliance Division referred information to the OIG for investigation. The information alleged that Mr. Jameison fraudulently obtained two MDAD SunPass devices and used them without MDAD authorization in his personal vehicles. The OIG investigation substantiated these allegations. The investigation revealed that in 2014, Mr. Jameison worked in the Fixed Assets Unit, at MDAD Finance, as an accountant. As part of his duties, he was required to obtain SunPass devices for MDAD's county vehicles. Two of the SunPass devices—linked to the MDAD account—ended up in his personal cars. From 2014 – 2019, Mr. Jameison racked up \$4,187 in tolls debited to MDAD—50 cents at a time. The scheme came to light when Fixed Assets conducted an inventory of outstanding MDAD SunPass transponders tied to its account. Two transponders could not be located in any MDAD vehicle yet they were accruing toll expenses. An internal investigation was launched leading to Mr. Jameison, the results of which were referred to the OIG. Upon being questioned by OIG Special Agents, Mr. Jameison claimed that it was all a big mistake. He then abruptly resigned his County employment on March 12, 2020.

The OIG would like to thank MDAD's Finance Division and Professional Compliance Division for their assistance with the investigation.

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