



Memorandum



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To: The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
The Honorable Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Felix Jimenez, Inspector General 

Date: February 11, 2021

Subject: Former MDAD Employee Sentenced for Fraudulently Misappropriating the County’s SunPass for Personal Use, Ref. IG19-0027-I

A joint investigation by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office (SAO) has ended today. A former 19-year employee of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD), Omar Jameison (Jameison), who most recently worked in the MDAD Finance Division as an Accountant 3 and oversaw Accounts Payable, pled no contest to Petit Theft and Exploitation of Official Position—both misdemeanor crimes.

On November 19, 2019, MDAD’s Professional Compliance Division referred information to the OIG for investigation. The information alleged that Jameison fraudulently obtained two MDAD SunPass devices and used them without MDAD authorization in his personal vehicles. The OIG investigation substantiated these allegations. It revealed that in 2014, Jameison worked in the Fixed Assets Unit, MDAD Finance Division, as an Accountant. As part of his duties, he was required to obtain SunPass devices for all of MDAD’s County vehicles. Two of the SunPass devices—linked to the MDAD account—ended up in his personal cars. From 2014 to 2019, Jameison racked up \$4,187.73 in tolls debited to MDAD—50 cents at a time. The scheme came to light when Fixed Assets conducted a review of outstanding MDAD SunPass transponders tied to its account. Two transponders could not be located in any MDAD vehicle yet were accruing toll expenses. An internal investigation was launched leading to Jameison. After his scheme was discovered, Jameison claimed that it was all a big mistake. He then abruptly resigned his County employment on March 12, 2020.

On today’s date, the Defendant was sentenced to a year probation with the special conditions that he perform community service hours and will stay away from all MDAD properties unless he is a ticketed passenger. Additionally, as part of the plea deal, Jameison has waived any right he might have to future County employment, and he has already paid full restitution to MDAD and costs of investigation.

The OIG would like to thank MDAD’s Professional Compliance Division and the Fixed Assets Unit of the MDAD Finance Division for their assistance with the investigation.

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