

Press Release

Former Federal Employee Sentenced for Time-and-Attendance Scheme

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U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland

Greenbelt, Maryland – A former federal senior official, who pled guilty to theft charges, received a federal sentence, today, in connection with a timecard scheme.

Chief Magistrate Judge Timothy J. Sullivan sentenced Evester Edd, 64, of Silver Spring, Maryland, to two years of supervised probation, including three months of home confinement on electronic monitoring, for theft of government property. Additionally, Judge Sullivan ordered Edd, a former Peace Corps (PC) senior human resources employee, to pay \$20,758.50 of restitution and perform 250 hours of community service.

Kelly O. Hayes, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced the sentence with Inspector General Joaquin E. Ferrao, Peace Corps Office of Inspector General (Peace Corps OIG); James Hodge, Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General, performing the duties of Inspector General, Federal Housing Finance Agency, Office of Inspector General (FHFA-OIG); and Inspector General Robert J. Feitel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of the Inspector General (NRC OIG). This prosecution supports the objectives of the Trump Administration's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud.

According to court documents, Edd worked daily from his duty station at PC headquarters in Washington, D.C., or an alternate site, as the agency also allowed teleworking. Beginning in September 2024, and continuing through November 2024, Edd falsely recorded work hours that he did not work in PC's time-and-attendance system. During this time frame, Edd submitted his time and attendance sheet electronically from his alternative telework duty station. The false entries resulted in PC paying Edd for hours he did not work.

After NRC OIG's Cyber Crimes Unit investigators analyzed Edd's NRC-issued laptop for the specified timeframe, they found that on nearly a daily basis, Edd signed on from his residence to work for the NRC during his PC work hours. Additionally, on nine of the days that he worked as a contractor, Edd, remotely signed into the NRC network but did work for the NRC while sitting in his workspace at PC headquarters during the PC workday.

Investigators also determined that Edd sent numerous government documents from the agencies' accounts to his personal AOL email account. Many documents were related to

employment actions and included personally identifiable information (PII), along with other confidential details.

When law enforcement executed a search warrant on Edd's Silver Spring residence, investigators searched his electronic media. During the search, investigators identified a thumb drive that contained government documents, including documents containing federal employees' PII. The documents on the thumb drive dated back to Edd's previous periods of federal employment from at least the 1990s. In December 2024, Edd retired from federal service during the pending criminal investigation.

This prosecution is the result of a yearslong investigation led by the Peace Corps OIG in partnership with FHFA-OIG, NRC OIG, and other law enforcement partners.

On April 7, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the National Fraud Enforcement Division ("Fraud Division"). The Fraud Division is investigating and prosecuting those who commit fraud against the American people. The Department's work to combat fraud supports President Trump's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, a whole-of-government effort chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within Federal benefit programs.

U.S. Attorney Hayes commended the Peace Corps OIG, FHFA-OIG, and NRC OIG for their work in the investigation. Ms. Hayes also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Baldwin who prosecuted the federal case.

For more information about the Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office, its priorities, and resources available to report fraud, please visit justice.gov/usao-md and justice.gov/usao-md/report-fraud.

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