Inspector General

2026-0009-INVI-P — Allegations of Fraudulent Medical Documents

On May 8, 2026, the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that an AOC employee submitted fraudulent medical documentation to support multiple absences from work. OIG initiated an investigation into the alleged violations of AOC policy and potential violations of 18 U.S. Code § 287 false, fictitious, or fraudulent claims.

The investigation determined that between December 2025 and June 2026, the employee submitted 12 fraudulent medical excusal documents for dates on which the identified medical provider had no corresponding record of treatment. The associated absences were generally recorded as Unscheduled Annual Leave, Leave Without Pay, or Absence Without Official Leave. The OIG requested to interview the employee; however, after requesting time to obtain union representation and reviewing the applicable advisal forms, the employee declined to be interviewed.

The OIG concluded that the employee's conduct violated applicable AOC policies, including Standards of Conduct, Time and Attendance, and Absence and Leave policies. The OIG did not present the matter for criminal prosecution because the questioned absences resulted in no identifiable monetary loss to the government.

Final Management Action:

On September 22, 2026, OIG submitted the Report of Investigation to AOC management for any action deemed appropriate. The case is closed pending AOC management action.