

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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## ACTION MEMORANDUM

**TO:**  
AIGI

**FILE NUMBER:**  
I01120027

**DATE:**  
January 18, 2002

**Subject:**

### ALLEGATIONS OF GRANT FRAUD

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**Action:**

On [REDACTED] reported the alleged theft of university funds by [REDACTED] a former National Science Foundation (NSF) award Principal Investigator (PI). The report stated that during an internal audit, [REDACTED], a tenured professor at the [REDACTED], was charged with the theft of \$43,080.57 from university and foundation funds. Maryland Attorney General [REDACTED], Jr. filed theft charges against [REDACTED] in Prince George's County, Maryland. If found guilty, [REDACTED] faces up to 15 years in state prison. [REDACTED] has resigned his position from the university effective 20DEC01 (THR).

Since the [REDACTED] receives funds from NSF grants an investigation was initiated to determine if any of the suspected embezzled funds were derived from NSF grants. The results of this investigation disclosed that all but \$836.27 of the \$43,080.57 which [REDACTED] is suspected to have embezzled came from non-government funding. The \$836.27 consisted of U.S. government funds; these identified in the audit as having come from a contractor conducting research on a support project for the U.S. Army Research Lab. None of embezzled funds came from any NSF grants. With no further investigative leads remaining it is recommend that this investigation be closed.

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