



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I08090051

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This case was opened pursuant to an allegation that a PI¹ at a university² had submitted false expense reports for reimbursements charged to NSF awards³ and another agency award.⁴ We reviewed award documentation and determined that the PI had knowingly submitted false expense reports for personal gain. The PI pled guilty to one count of violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641, misdemeanor theft of government funds, was sentenced to serve one year unsupervised probation, and paid restitution to NSF and the other agency of \$19,819.49. The PI failed to respond to a civil complaint under the False Claims Act, and the court entered a default judgment against the PI for treble damages (minus the restitution) of \$84,301.75 plus penalties of \$110,000. NSF debarred the PI for three years.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

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