

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 29, 1998

To: File No. 198070016

From: [REDACTED] Special Agent, Investigations Section
[REDACTED] Investigation Student Trainee [REDACTED]

Through: [REDACTED] Special Agent-in-Charge [REDACTED]

Re: Case Closeout-[REDACTED]

Background

We received an anonymous allegation on the OIG hotline stating that [REDACTED] was misusing funds from his NSF awards. The caller stated that she was the sister of a woman who was involved in an affair with [REDACTED], and that he had used his grant money to visit her sister and to pay for other non-grant related expenses.

Investigation

On September 1, 1998 we spoke to [REDACTED], the auditor at [REDACTED] University. He stated that he had received e-mail and telephone calls concerning [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] the woman with whom [REDACTED] was having an affair. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had recently broken off his relationship with [REDACTED] and that she had been threatening his ex-wife and children since. [REDACTED] believed that [REDACTED] had filed police reports against [REDACTED] and that she had been recently hospitalized for treatment of depression. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] was already conducting an investigation of these allegations, and that he would forward the results to us.

On October 29, 1998, we received a copy of the [REDACTED] University audit report. The report stated that the auditors had reviewed [REDACTED] travel expenses, phone usage reports, and the charges made to his grants over the past five years. The auditors found that [REDACTED] had supporting documentation for all of his travel costs, and found no inappropriate charges to his NSF grant. They did find that [REDACTED] had failed to reimburse the university for personal telephone calls totaling approximately \$2,268.00. [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] with a statement that he would reimburse the university.

Findings

Although [REDACTED] misappropriated \$2,268.00 in university resources, there is no indication that he was misusing his NSF grant funds. No further investigation is warranted at this time, and this case is closed.