



FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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Findings of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse within the Department of Recreation and Parks related to timesheet fraud, unauthorized use of County assets, and mismanagement of County resources

Pursuant to Anne Arundel County's Charter, Article III, § 311(b) – Duties of the County Auditor, the Office of the County Auditor (OCA) assumed investigative responsibilities for fraud, waste, and abuse complaints from the Office of Law in March 2025. Upon receipt of complaints related to the abuse of County resources occurring within the Department of Recreation and Parks, OCA conducted an investigation.

Over the course of the investigation, OCA investigators interviewed relevant witnesses to ensure the accuracy of the events, examined hundreds of documents, and conducted covert surveillance operations to independently corroborate the allegations. Furthermore, OCA collaborated with the Office of Law, Office of Personnel, Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County.

OCA uncovered evidence of serious misconduct promulgated by a local park superintendent, including abuse of County equipment and assigned staff for personal gain; unauthorized personal use of County vehicles; abuse of the County's telework policy; false reporting of work hours; waste of public funds through the unjustified employment of a part-time employee whose reported work hours were not supported; and practices that created the potential to expose the County to civil liability.

OCA worked collaboratively with the Department of Recreation and Parks which resulted in the termination of the local park superintendent and the discipline and reassignment of several Recreation and Parks employees. We appreciate the cooperation of County personnel during this investigation.

Criminal prosecution was declined.

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