

# **Summary: USGS Employee Fraudulently Used the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**

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The OIG investigated allegations that an employee with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) received donated leave through the USGS Voluntary Leave Transfer Program based on false medical documentation.

We substantiated the allegations and determined that, in 2019 and 2020, the employee fraudulently received 119 hours of donated leave valued at \$4,170. We provided our interim investigative findings to the USGS, and the employee resigned in lieu of removal for falsification of medical documentation.

In the summer of 2021, a U.S. Attorney's Office filed a criminal information against the employee. The employee pleaded guilty to theft and was sentenced to 1 year of supervised probation, 15 days of home confinement, and 100 hours of community service. The employee also was ordered to pay a special assessment of \$25 and restitution totaling \$4,170.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to Associate Director Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director of the USGS.

