

U.S. Park Police Supervisor Misused Government Vehicle To Drive to Outside Employment

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The OIG investigated an allegation that a U.S. Park Police (USPP) supervisor violated the USPP's home-to-work Government-owned vehicle (GOV) restrictions when he used his assigned GOV to drive to his outside employment.

We found that the USPP supervisor used his GOV for a non-official purpose to drive to and from his approved outside employment in 2021 in violation of law and USPP policies, including General Order 40.01. General Order 40.01 states, "An Officer shall not use a Force vehicle as part of any spare-time employment." The supervisor admitted to driving his GOV to his outside employment between five and a dozen times but stated he did not believe his actions violated the policies prohibiting use of a GOV for outside employment. We found evidence that he used his GOV to drive to his outside employment on 10 occasions in 2021. We also concluded that the supervisor's interpretation of the policy was not reasonable and that the policy and other USPP guidance prohibit use of the vehicle under these circumstances.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the National Park Service.

