

# **Summary: Former USGS Employee Misused Government Charge Card**

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The OIG investigated allegations that a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) information technology specialist made personal purchases using his Government charge card.

We found that the employee charged more than \$14,000 for personal items and services, including Airbnb rental fees, personal cellular phone service, and money transfers to his personal PayPal and Venmo accounts. The employee admitted he made the charges and that he knew the misuse was improper.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California declined prosecution of this matter. The employee resigned immediately after his supervisor confronted him about the charges, and the USGS has issued several bills of collection to collect the outstanding debt.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the USGS Director.

