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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

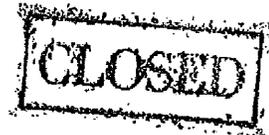
**CASE TITLE:** Fraud- [REDACTED]

**CASE NUMBER:** 08-078

**DATE OF REPORT:** February 2, 2009

**REPORT PREPARED BY:** SSA [REDACTED]

**OTHER ACTIVITY:** Closing Report



**ALLEGATION:**

In June 2008, Amtrak OIG/OI received an allegation that a [REDACTED] track gang, under the supervision of [REDACTED], had been paid overtime for work they did not perform.

OIG/OI agents found that an employee, [REDACTED] was paid for three hours of work he does not recall performing. Investigation also revealed that supervisors were entering pay for employees that supervisors could not confirm was for time worked, and that two different jobs were paid using the same job code.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

A review of payroll records for the [REDACTED] Track gang showed that on the weekend of January 19 and 20, 2008, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were paid for 22 hours on January 19, 2008, and between 14 and 17 hours on January 20, 2008.

During the period in question, January 2008 through March 2008, [REDACTED] was a supervisor for a concrete tie gang working in [REDACTED]. Also at that time, members of this gang were doing overtime work for a division project supervised by [REDACTED], Supervisor of Track- [REDACTED]. The division work was done on weekends, usually during the night.

[REDACTED] was responsible for doing the payroll for the gang. A foreman for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would report to [REDACTED] the hours of gang members who performed work for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had no direct knowledge of who worked the other project, or how many hours they worked.

At times, [REDACTED] would use [REDACTED]'s Amtrak issued computer and enter the gang's work hours done for [REDACTED]'s project. During the review of payroll records, the file indicated all the information was entered by [REDACTED], although [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both said [REDACTED] had entered some of the payroll

information.

Normal projects worked by the gang, and the extra work done for [REDACTED]'s project, were entered in payroll under work order number [REDACTED]. Using the same work order number for different work projects indicated some workers were on the job for twenty to twenty-two hours straight. This was not the case, but due to use of the same work order number, it was difficult to differentiate which hours worked were paid under which payment codes.

[REDACTED] is the Program Director in Philadelphia. [REDACTED] reported that during the period in question, [REDACTED]'s gang was training new employees, replacing concrete ties, and doing work for [REDACTED]'s division project. [REDACTED] was satisfied with the gang's work and production during this period. [REDACTED] stated the replacement numbers were sufficient based on all factors.

[REDACTED] is the Supervisor of Track- [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that during the period in question his gang worked 12 hours a day on weekends. [REDACTED] stated the most [REDACTED]'s gang should have worked is 14 hours, including travel to and from the hotel. [REDACTED] did not know why the payroll records indicated that [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] worked 22 hours.

[REDACTED] stated he uses Maximo to enter payroll for the gang. [REDACTED] said he enters all hours for workers, even they report to a different supervisor or project. [REDACTED] said he has a problem verifying what the employee works for a different supervisor. [REDACTED] felt that the supervisor the worker is working for should enter the pay for that work. [REDACTED] said on the weekend of January 19 and 20, 2008 the gang performed their normal work and worked overtime for [REDACTED] at night. [REDACTED] said both jobs were listed under the same work order number, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he would give his computer to [REDACTED] to enter the workers hours because [REDACTED] did not have a computer.

[REDACTED] is a foreman for track gang number [REDACTED], the supervisor is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he worked with mechanics for 10 hours during the day on January 19, 2008. [REDACTED] worked 12 hours overnight starting on January 19, 2008 with [REDACTED]'s tie gang. [REDACTED] said that, the reason it appeared he worked 22 hours straight is, the two jobs were listed under the same work order number, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he worked 14 hours on January 20, 2008, and does not recall working 17 hours as indicated in the payroll records. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] would have entered the times because [REDACTED] did not have a computer at that time. [REDACTED] said, employees [REDACTED], all worked the dual jobs and did not work 22 hours straight. Both jobs were listed under the same work order number, [REDACTED].

Based on the above findings, OIG/OI agents recommended management consider:

1. Recovering 3 hours pay from [REDACTED] who stated he was paid 17 hours and only worked 14 hours on January 20, 2008.

- 2. Implementing a system to verify employee work hours between different supervisors to determine who is entering the employee work hours so that there is no duplication of pay.
- 3. Listing each pay entry under the specific work order number and not using the same work order number for different jobs.
- 4. Not allowing employees to permit other users access to their profile and records on a shared computer.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Management responded to recommendations as indicated in attached response from [REDACTED]. Based on management's response to issues, recommendation is to close this case pending discovery of additional information.

**Supervisor's Signature:**

[REDACTED]

**Regional Supervisor's Signature:**

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**Deputy Inspector General/Counsel's Signature:**

[REDACTED]

