

**NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION  
 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
 OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS  
 INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

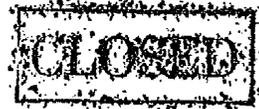
**TITLE:** Theft

**CASE NUMBER:** 09-165

**DATE OF REPORT:** 2/25/2009

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

*Boman*



Report of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Report of Documents: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Activity (Describe): Closing Report

**ALLEGATION**

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI) received an allegation from Amtrak Radio Maintainer [REDACTED] concerning the unauthorized use of Amtrak's Motorola sales account number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that, Amtrak Train Engineer, [REDACTED], used the Amtrak account to obtain radio software for an Astro 25 radio, which is not an Amtrak assigned radio.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. [REDACTED] ordered radio software from Motorola which was billed under Amtrak customer number [REDACTED].
2. [REDACTED] used his personal checking account to pay for the purchase and had the software mailed to his home in Brooklyn, NY.
3. [REDACTED] confirmed that anyone can order radios, and/or radio software which would allow him/her to listen to and communicate with Amtrak radio controllers.
4. Amtrak provides a mounted radio in the dashboard area of the engines.

5. Amtrak provides Conductors and Assistant Conductors with portable radios while working on the trains, but does not provide Engineers with portable radios.
6. [REDACTED] carries a portable radio that is not issued by, or authorized by Amtrak for safety reasons while on the tracks or in the yard area.
7. Referral was made to Amtrak Senior Director of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] recommending that Amtrak should consider issuing portable radios to the Engineers that are the same as, or similar to the radios issued to the Conductors and that Amtrak should consider establishing a primary contact and one designee as the only people authorized to make any purchases under, or changes to the Motorola license agreement.
8. Amtrak Transportation management responded in a timely manner.
9. [REDACTED] reported that Transportation Management does not feel that the issue of portable radios to locomotive engineers is necessary or practical.
10. [REDACTED] reported that one of the caveats to the Amtrak agreement with Motorola is that Motorola will only recognize and deal with a single representative from each of our radio shops across the country.
11. [REDACTED] is currently working with Motorola to determine where the process broke down and how to ensure that it will not happen again.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

RA is requesting that this investigation be closed pending new information.

Supervisor's Signature: 

Deputy Inspector General/Counsel's Signature: 