

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE CLOSING REPORT

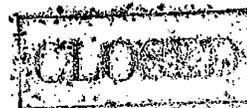
TITLE: Payroll Embezzlement

CASE NUMBER: 07-065

DATE OF REPORT: March 23, 2010

SUMMARY REPORT NUMBER: 1

REPORT PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]



BACKGROUND:

[REDACTED] was a Director of Finance assigned to the payroll unit. [REDACTED] was an Assistant Conductor on the Virginia Railway Express. [REDACTED] supervised and handled paychecks that were in the unclaimed or abandoned property file of the payroll department. The unclaimed property file contains payroll checks that have become stale or are returned. Additional work is required to locate the former employee or rightful recipient of the check. [REDACTED] converted checks in the unclaimed property file from the rightful recipient to her boyfriend, [REDACTED].

Amtrak check number [REDACTED] in the amount of \$ [REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED], a deceased Amtrak employee. This check became stale, so the matter was placed in the unclaimed property file. [REDACTED] replaced this check with Amtrak check number [REDACTED] for \$ [REDACTED] and check number [REDACTED] for \$ [REDACTED], both made payable to [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] prepared check number [REDACTED] in the amount of \$ [REDACTED] made payable to [REDACTED]. This replaced a check payable to [REDACTED], a terminated employee, that was in the unclaimed property file.

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██████████ prepared check number ██████████ in the amount of \$ ██████████ made payable to ██████████. This replaced a check made payable to ██████████, an employee who retired on disability, that was in the unclaimed property file.

██████████ admitted receiving these checks, endorsing them, and depositing them into his personal bank account. ██████████ advised that he was in debt and ██████████ told him she had a way to convert checks from the unclaimed property account to his name. ██████████ stated that ██████████ brought these checks to him at home. ██████████ admitted that he was not entitled to these checks and used the money to pay off his personal debt. ██████████ admitted writing the checks to ██████████ but claimed she was doing it to "test the system."

On June 12, 2009, ██████████ and ██████████ each pled guilty to one count of Title 18, Section 371 and 2314 U.S.C., Conspiracy to Commit Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. On September 18, 2009 ██████████ was sentenced to six months home confinement, three years probation, 200 hours of community service and was ordered to make restitution to Amtrak of \$ ██████████ jointly and severally with ██████████. On September 18, 2009 ██████████ was sentenced to 24 months probation, 150 hours of community service and was ordered to make restitution to Amtrak of \$ ██████████ jointly and severally with ██████████.

On 12/16/09 ██████████ and ██████████ sent OIG a check for \$50. On 1/7/10 ██████████ and ██████████ sent OIG a check for \$ ██████████. The remainder of the restitution, \$ ██████████ was taken from vacation pay owed ██████████. ██████████ Payroll, made the appropriate journal entry to reflect this.

On March 23, 2010, Probation Officer ██████████ was advised that restitution to Amtrak had been paid in full.

In view of the above, it is recommended this case be closed.

*Call JT / 3/30/2010*

