



**VIOLATION OF AMTRAK STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

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**CASE OIG-I-2017-504**

On November 22, 2016, an Amtrak baggage handler was terminated from the company for stealing an Amtrak freight shipment. Our investigation revealed that the employee helped someone, who was not an Amtrak employee, gain access to an Amtrak freight claim area and take a box awaiting pickup. The former employee acknowledged the box contained 3 to 4 kilograms of cocaine, which he and his associate sold. The former employee is under Federal indictment on charges related to possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and for stealing and unlawfully taking the package. Further judicial proceedings are pending.