

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF THE INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSING REPORT

CASE NUMBER: 08-099

DATE: December 9, 2008

TO: [REDACTED]  
Deputy Inspector General/Counsel

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, LAX Field Office



**BACKGROUND:**

On August 1, 2008, Office of the Inspector General ("OIG"), Office of Investigations ("OI"), Agents received information from an anonymous source that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], had been allowing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to use his sick time for an unauthorized purpose. Specifically, the source alleged that [REDACTED] allowed [REDACTED] to use his accumulated sick leave to attend the State of [REDACTED] Correctional Officer Academy. After investigating this complaint, the OIG was able to sustain the allegation.

**FINDING OF FACTS:**

On August 18, 2008, OI Agents interviewed [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] receiving sick time pay from Amtrak while attending the State of [REDACTED] Correctional Academy, while [REDACTED] was an employee of the State of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] said that she was aware that [REDACTED] had sought employment with the State of [REDACTED] and that he would be leaving Amtrak in February 2008. [REDACTED] further stated that she had informed [REDACTED] that if he had failed to graduate the academy, he would be allowed to return to Amtrak as a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that she would be able to keep [REDACTED] with Amtrak by allowing him to use his personal, holiday and accumulated unused sick time while he was attending the academy. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] was an experienced [REDACTED] with thirty-one (31) years experience and that she did not want to replace him with a less experienced employee, if she could avoid doing so.

On August 18, 2008, OI Agents interviewed with [REDACTED] regarding his receiving excessive sick time pay from Amtrak while employed and attending the State of [REDACTED] Correctional Academy.

[REDACTED] said that, when he received confirmation that he had been accepted to the State of [REDACTED] Correctional Academy, [REDACTED] had contacted [REDACTED] and informed her that he would be leaving Amtrak in February 2008. [REDACTED] stated that he wanted to safeguard his job at Amtrak in the event that he failed the academy. [REDACTED] said that he had told [REDACTED] that he had worked out a daily pay schedule that allowed him to use all of his earned vacation, holiday and sick time which covered nearly the entire time that he would be attending the academy. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] thought it was a good idea and told him to give his schedule to the time keepers in [REDACTED] and tell them that she had approved the schedule.

