

Report of Investigation

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Title:		
(b) (7)(C) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban	Development (HUD)	
Office of Inspector General (OIG) (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)		
(b) $(7)(C)$		
(b) $(7)(C$		
Narrative:		
BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:		
On July 13, 2012, (b) (7)(C) contacted HUD OIG Headqua	b) (7)(C) HU arters and reported a Suspicious Activity	D, OIG, Region 4,
(Exhibit 1),	(b) (7)(C)	HUD,
OIG, Region 4, (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) fraud scheme in the		(7)(C)
POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS:		
 Potential Criminal Violations Title 18 United States Code (USC) Title 18 USC \$1001 Feles States 	§1344 – Bank Fraud	
(b) (7)	(C)	Date:
Special Investigations Division	Special Investigations Division	December 14, 2015

- Title 18 USC §1014 False Statements on Loan Applications
- Title 18 USC §514 Fictitious Documents
- Title 18 USC §493 Forgery/Counterfeiting Lending Obligations
- Title 18 USC §1341 Mail Fraud
- Title 12 USC §1709-2 Single Family Equity Skimming
- Title 18 USC §641 Theft
- Title 18 USC §2505 Obstruction of Justice
- Title 18 USC §1623 Perjury

Potential Administrative Violations

HUD OIG Manual 1752, Appendix 2 – The OIG Table of Penalties

- Arrest/Indictment/Conviction, misdemeanor and felony, Federal or State.
 5 U.S.C. §7371 requires that any law enforcement official who is convicted of a felony be removed from the law enforcement position on the last day of the first full pay period after the agency receives notice of the felony conviction.
- Dishonest, infamous, or notoriously disgraceful conduct (including discreditable involvement with local of Federal Law Enforcement Authorities).
- Failure to meet personal financial obligations.
- Standards of Conduct (Ethics) violations.
- Lying under Oath.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

This investigation determined that (b) (7)(C) committed mortgage fraud by making False Statements on Loan Applications. (b) (7)(C) misrepresented assets, rental income, rental occupancy and personal and business liabilities to numerous mortgage lenders and banks, to obtain loans that would not have been qualified for based upon true financial situation.

Specifically. (b) (7) (C) submitted false documentation to refinance several of (b) (7) (C) to obtain cash-out loans. (b) (7) (C) ubmitted forged rental leases, false leases for unoccupied rental properties which purported fictitious rental income sources, false leases with inflated rental income, a false certification letter claiming that (b) (7) (C) and therefore did not pay rent, and an outdated certificate of deposit (asset) claiming a balance of over \$70,000.00, which was already liquidated. In addition, (b) (7) (C) omitted numerous other liabilities, such as personal monthly housing lease amount of approximately \$800.00. (b) (7) (C) and business expenses related to property rental lease amount of approximately \$3,600.00.

This investigation also determined that (b) (7)(C) made false statements to investigators numerous times during the course of this investigation. (b) (7)(C) specifically made false statements verbally and in written sworn affidavits, on numerous occasions regarding his communication with (b) (7)(C) during the course of this investigation. (b) (7)(C) later changed statements numerous times, both to SID and during courtroom testimony.

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Both (b) (7)(C) were prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia (USAO-N/GA). (b) (7)(C) was convicted of two counts of 18 USC § 1014 – False Statements to a Federally Insured Institution, and was sentenced to serve 32 months in confinement, followed by five (5) years of supervised release. Additionally, (b) (7)(C) was ordered to pay restitution in the amounts of \$121,211.53 to Freddie Mac, P.O. Box 730453, Dallas, TX, and \$19,051.25 to First Tennessee Bank national Association, 165 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN, for a total of \$140,262.78. (b) (7)(C) plead guilty to one count of 18 USC § 1001 – False statement, and was sentenced to serve three (3) years of probation, the first four (4) months of which were to be served on home confinement. Additionally, (b) (7)(C) was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,462.95 to HUD OIG.

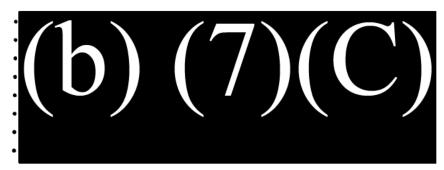
DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

(b) (7)(C)	United Stat	(hibit 2). (b) (7)(C) _{informed} SID that tes Department of Justice (DOI)	ŧt
OIG(b)(7)(C) investigation.	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E) b) (7)(C)discovered that	
(b) (7)(C) was involved in the purch that property purchased by (b) (7 transactions. The records search also (b) (7)(C) reported	pase/sale of a property from the discovered that (b)	he target in 2007. During the search) (7)(C) had several other property (b) (7)(C)	ı of
A Lexis/Nexis search was conducted business and registered (b) (7)(C) and described as	(b) (7)(C) located at (h) (7)(C	(b) (7)(C) The	e
(b) (7)(C) registration was submitted, (b) (7)(C) had multiple properties.		rds also reflected that annual Nexis search also disclosed that	
Report – Office of Government Ethics	(b) (7)(C)	011 Confidential Financial Disclosurement OGE 450, which revealed the nor did (b) (7) (C) any real estate ed that in 2008, and did list income	ire at
On July 26, 2011 (b) (7)(C) was intemployment, (b) (7)(C) informed SI (b) (7)(C) also said (b) (7)(C)	terviewed by SID (Exhibit 3 ID that and (b	(b) (7)(C)	
b) (7)(C) was asked to identify any currently did not own any properties o	and all rental properties that or receive any property rental	(b) $(7)(C)$ said that income. (b) $(7)(C)$ said that	(7)(C))

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previously owned multiple rental properties, but because of the economy, and to "let them go" (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) reported the following previously owned properties:



[Agent's Note: (b) (5)previously reported all rental properties on 011 OGE 450s; however, stopped reporting the properties DGE 450s after they foreclosed. Inspector General of Investigations (b) (7)(C)HUD, OIG, Office of Investigations (OI), Washington, DC, asked (b)(7)(C)to explain why the properties no longer appeared on the OGE reported (b) (7)(C) tha $^{(6)7)(C)}$ no longer had the properties. On (b) (7)(C) was interviewed by SID (Exhibit 4). (b) (7)(C)purchased houses, renovated them, located potential tenants, preferably Section 8 tenants, and then attempted to sell them as a package to real estate investors. (b) (7)(C) stated that in early 2008, property, made some renovations, and attempted to locate potential tenants (h) (7)(C) was were partners in the investment on paper only (b) (7)(C)was advised (b) (7)(C) to stay on paper with interest. (b) (7)(C) was informed that would "take her off the paperwork" shortly after the closing. On who occupied the was interviewed telephonically by SID (Exhibit 5) and paid \$1,000.00 per month.

On who (b) (7)(C)(b) (7)(C)rented the property from (b) (7)(C)recalled signing an initial lease in 2004 and a second lease in 2005. (b) (7)(C) that these were the only two (2) leases signed with further explained that continued renting from without signing new leases.

to the less expensive house.

SID showed (b) (7)(C) did not recall ever signing a lease after the leases (b) (7)(C) confirmed that the signature on this lease appeared to be however, was adamant that of old in our sign a new lease (b) (7)(C) or after the first two (2) leases.
On (b) (7)(C) was again contacted by SID by email (Exhibit 7). SID provided (b) (7)(C) with a copy of a residential lease submitted with (b) (4) to refinance one of (b) (7)(C) rental properties, located (b) (7)(C) This lease was used as a verification of rent/income on the Uniform Residential Loan Application (URLA) for the mortgage. (b) (7)(C) confirmed that neither (b) (7)(C) signatures were authentic. (b) (7)(C) responded by email stating, "That is absolutely not my signature. I can say 100% "(b) (7)(C) reiterated that signed another lease with (b) (7)(C)
On (b) (7)(C) provided SID with documentation regarding (b) (7)(C) Section 8 participant file from the AHA (Exhibit 8). [Agent's Note:
(b) (7)(C) at various properties until (b) (7)(C) Due to limitations of file storage, this file only contained records from 2006 through 2008. However, the Application for Initial and Recertification of Section 8 Housing, dated (b) (7)(C) applied for a Section 8 voucher with (b) (7)(C) There was no landlord information provided for the time period of 1998-2005. [Agent's Note: According to
On (b) (7)(C) was interviewed telephonically by SID (Exhibit 9). During the interview, (b) (7)(C) reviewed scanned copies of two (2) residential leases, dated September 7, 2004 and September 26, 2005, that were previously provided by (b) (7)(C) and two (2) residential leases, dated (b) (7)(C) (b) (4) which were submitted (b) (7)(C) as a verification of rent/income for the respective URLAs. (b) (7)(C) eviewed ignatures on the leases from 2004 and 2005, and stated that signatures and the leases appeared to be authentic. (b) (7)(C) reviewed the signatures on the August 1, 2006 and the August 26, 2006 leases, which were submitted (b) (7)(C) efinance loan applications, and denied ever signed the leases and, and stated they did not appear to be authentic.
On (b) (7)(C) provided SID with additional documentation regarding (b) (7)(C) Section 8 participant file from the AHA (Exhibit 10). (b) (7)(C) was an AHA Section was a tenant. Additionally (b) (7)(C) confirmed that the AHA paid (b) (7)(C) \$23,126.68, during that period, in Housing Assistance Payments (HAP). [Agent's Note: (b) (5)

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In general. never submitted anything (documents) that did not need. (b) (7)(C) stated, "I only do leases when someone moves in." (b) (7)(C) said that (b) (7)(C) but the loans together. When asked who (b) (7)(C) received the documents for the loans from, (b) (7)(C) said from either When asked if (b) (7)(C) reviewed the (b) (7)(C) supporting documents and details of (b) (7)(C)aid that all the interest rate and property address to make sure it is right. (b) (7)(C) said, "I didn't look at it." When shown the leases from provided by (b) (7)(C) compared to the leases submitted with loans (b) (7)(C) stated that they "Don't look like signatures." (b) (7)(C) explained that because (b) (7)(C) was involved in most of the loans that (b) (7)(C) obtained, and wished to talk with about the many discrepancies and documents submitted to obtain mortgages and refinancing. (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (7)(C)was just proxy." (b) (7)(C) was asked about (b) (7)(C) signing signature on many of these documents instead of signing bwn signature and noting it was "for" or on behalf. It was explained to (b) (7)(C) that when a person signs another person's signature, they usually sign their name, write "for" and then print the person's name for which they are signing. Further, it was explained that as (b) (7)(C) for HUD OIG, it is a common practice to sign for another person using the technique described. (b) (7)(C) tated that was aware of this practice. In addition (b) (7)(C) was asked about being (b) (7)(C) while being a HUD OIG employee. (b) $\overline{(7)(C)}$ stated that (b) (7)(C)(b) (7)(C)(b) (7)(C)which allowed (b) (7)(C)(b) (7)(C) vas asked if (b) (7)(C)for anyone else, while serving as a HUD OIG employee. (b) (7)(C) replied "No." When informed about (b) (7)(C) had a disabled child as well. (b) (7)(C) added that notified HUD OIG of both of these Section 8 tenants elationship, and went through the "ethics board" at HUD OIG. (b) (7)(C) added that had no records or paperwork to support claim. (b) (7)(C) never produced any documents to substantiate notification to HUD or HUD OIG. (b) (7)(C) was asked to provide any names of who notified at HUD and/or HUD OIG, or the "ethics board," but (b) (7)(C) stated that of did not recall any names or details. (b) (7)(C) was also asked about the joint purchase of (b) (7)(C)(b) (7)(C) and why did not disclose this purchase to SID during prior interviews. hought SID was only interested in properties that went into foreclosure. (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)said only had the property for three (3) months, fixed the property up, refinanced it, and "quit claimed" the property On (b) (7)(C)was telephonically interviewed by SID (Exhibit 19). This was a

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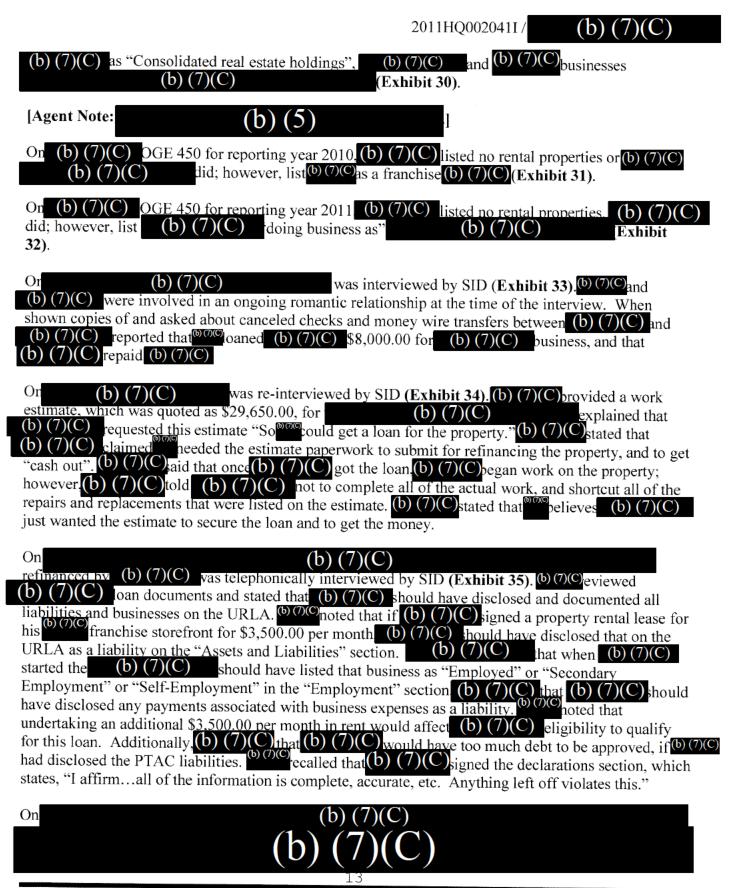
(b) (7)(C)
was interviewed by SID (Exhibit 23). (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (7)(C) and a
(b) (7)(C) recalled that in (b) (7)(C) alled a meeting of
approximately eight to ten people to discuss investing in real estate. (b) (7)(C) said tha (b) (7)(C) was
attempting to recruit investors to purchase properties, fix the properties up, and sell them for a profit.
(b) $(7)(C)$ said that (b) $(7)(C)$ was not interested in becoming a part of (b) $(7)(C)$
investment group. (b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) then asked him to do a "walk through" on a few of (b) (7)(C) [Agent's Note:
few of (b) (7)(C) [Agent's Note: (b) (5)
(b) (7)(C) aid (walk through)
of (b) (7)(C) and determined that the property was uninhabitable, had been vacant for
some time, and needed significant work to make the unit habitable. (b) (7)(C)said there was graffiti on
the house, the mechanicals (heating/cooling, electric and plumbing) needed significant work, and the
interior walls where deteriorating. (b) (7)(C) recalled that agreed to work on the unit for (b) (7)(C)
as a side job. (b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) rame to the house while was working on it, and inquired
about renting the unit. (b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) to move into the property.
even though more work was necessary (b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) did not pay rent initially, and
then began to pay a little bit. (b) (7)(C) refused to pay the rent until the work was complete.
(b) (7)(C) made promises to (b) (7)(C) about making necessary repairs, but then
told(b) (7)(C) not to bother completing repairs. (b) (7)(C) refused to pay (x,y) or to
pay for materials. (b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) tried to cut corners on every repair that (b) (7)(C)
made. (b) (7)(C) said that efused to do substandard work and devalue eputation, and ultimately refused to work for (b) (7)(C) again. (b) (7)(C) said that (b) (7)(C)
(b) $(7)(C)$ however, (b) $(7)(C)$
(b) (7)(C)
On (b) $(7)(C)$ was
interviewed by SID (Exhibit 24). (b) (7)(C) n approximately April 2003.
through a mutual friend and HUD employee, after (b) (7)(C)
(b) (7)(C) began dating (b) (7)(C) shortly after their introduction, and that
(b) (7)(C) did not (b) (7)(C) was married. Jefferson stated did not find out that (b) (7)(C) was
married until approximately February 2010, after which recalled that when confronted
(b) (7)(C) with marital status, (b) (7)(C) told (b) (7)(C) was married before, but was divorced. (b) (7)(C) stated broke up with (b) (7)(C) learned (b) (7)(C) marital status, but that in
(b) (7)(C) stated broke up with approximately March of 2011, (b) (7)(C) again and said that was separated and was
in the process of getting a divorce. (b) (7)(C) said then resumed dating (b) (7)(C) but stopped
dating (b) (7)(C) in February 2012 when out out was still married.
y was sure state of the sure s
(b) (7)(C) lived with for approximately one (1) year, from 2007 through 2008,
at (b) (7)(C) and that $^{60\%}$ and ord required (b) (7)(C) $_{10}$
sign a lease when (b) (7)(C) paid the rent for both of them while
(b) $(7)(C)$ and that (b) $(7)(C)$ wrote checks to for the rent, and paid most of them with the $(7)(C)$ of the rent of the form of them with the $(7)(C)$ of the rent of the rent of the rent of the form of the rent of the
(b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) was (b) (7)(C) Additionally
(b) (7)(C) recalled that (b) (7)(C) purchased investment properties (b) (7)(C) while they were dating.
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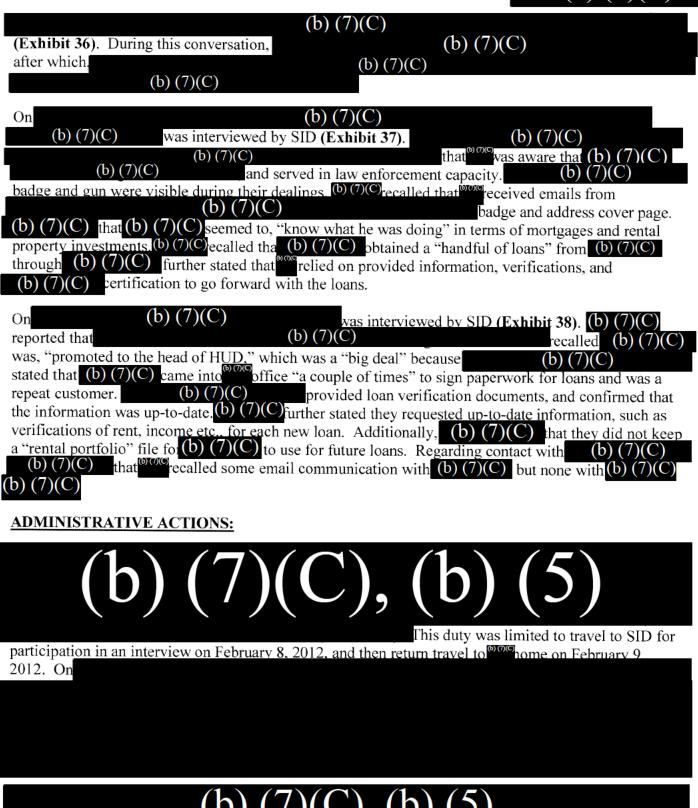
On (b) (7)(C) OGE 450 for reporting year 2008 (b) (7)(C) listed 7 rental properties under 12

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to(b) (7)(C) for reporting years 2008 and 2010, and noted the following:

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PROSECUTORIAL COORDINATION:

(b) (5), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C) the for one count of 18 USC § 371 – Conspiring to obstruct justice, and two counts of 18 USC § 1505 – Obstruction of Justice. Additionally, (b) (7)(C) was charged with two counts of 18 USC § 1014 – Making a false statement to bank, and (b) (7)(C) was charged with three counts of 18 USC 1623 – Perjury.

(b) (7)(C)

On (b) (7)(C) entered a Guilty Plea and Plea Agreement (Exhibit 69) to a Criminal Information (Exhibit 70), filed on the same date. (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to one count of 18 USC § 1001 – False statement.

Or (b) (7)(C) following a five day jury trial (b) (7)(C) was found guilty of two counts of 18 USC § 1014 – False Statements to a Federally Insured Institution. On (b) (7)(C) was sentenced (Exhibit 71) to serve 32 months in confinement, followed by five (5) years of supervised release. Additionally, (b) (7)(C) was ordered to pay restitution in the amounts of \$121,211.53 to (b) (7)(C) and \$19,051.25 to (b) (7)(C) or a total of \$140,262.78.

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