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**Investigative
Report Synopsis**

OIG Case # 23-0043-I

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Dear Citizens of Baltimore City,

The mission of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is to promote accountability, efficiency, and integrity in City government, as well as to investigate complaints of fraud, financial waste, and abuse. The following synopsis is a condensed version of the full report provided to City management officials and does not contain all investigative information.

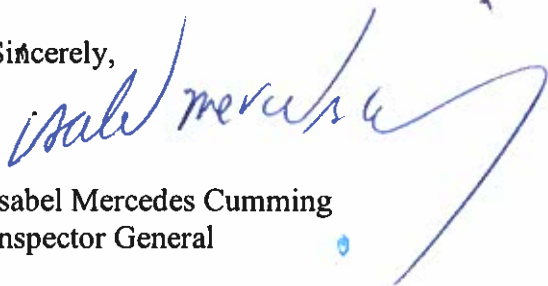
During an investigation involving a Department of Transportation (DOT) Supervisor (Supervisor), the OIG found information indicating that the Supervisor may have violated the City's Employee Arrest, Charge, or Conviction Policy (Arrest Policy).

A Mayoral Executive order was established in September 2010 requiring employees to report arrests or convictions of criminal offenses. The investigation learned the City's Arrest Policy, enacted February 28, 2012, states that a City employee is required to notify their Agency Resource Officer of any arrest or conviction for any offense, including traffic offenses that involve the use of alcohol or drugs. The Arrest Policy notes that City employees who are not detained shall self-disclose any charge, arrest, or conviction. Additionally, a Probation-Before Judgment (PBJ) shall be reported in the same manner as a conviction. The Arrest Policy is not currently part of the City's Administrative Manual, and each City agency is responsible for informing their employees of the order.

In 2021, the Supervisor was charged with driving or attempting to drive a vehicle while impaired by alcohol. The incident did not occur during City work hours and did not involve a City vehicle. The investigation confirmed that the Supervisor signed two acknowledgment forms for the Executive Order in 2010 and 2011. The Supervisor received a PBJ disposition related to the charge but did not report the incident to the City. The Supervisor confirmed they were aware of the Arrest Policy but explained that they believed they did not have to report the incident to the City. The Supervisor noted that it occurred outside their City work hours and he was not arrested for the incident. Furthermore, the Supervisor opined that they doubt other City employees disclose their arrests.

In its response, DOT affirmed the Supervisor violated the Policy by failing to disclose the charge and PBJ to DOT's Human Resources Division or an immediate supervisor. Furthermore, DOT said it will issue agency-wide communication reminding staff of the City's Arrest Policy.

Sincerely,


Isabel Mercedes Cumming
Inspector General

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CC: Hon. Brandon M. Scott, Mayor of Baltimore City
Hon. Nick Mosby, Baltimore City Council President
Hon. Bill Henry, Baltimore City Comptroller
Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council
Hon. Ebony Thompson, Baltimore City Solicitor

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Department of Transportation
Response
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March 20, 2024

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RE: OIG CASE NO. 23-0043-I [REDACTED]

Dear Inspector General Cumming:

This letter serves as the Department of Transportation's (DOT) official response to the above referenced case. Following a thorough review of the report, DOT's Human Resources Division investigated the complaint.

After investigating, DOT determined that although [REDACTED] signed the arrest policy on two occasions, [REDACTED] failed to disclose [REDACTED] arrest and conviction with DOT's Human Resources Division and/or his immediate supervisor. As a result of [REDACTED] inaction, [REDACTED] will be receiving disciplinary action within the next 7 days. Additionally, we will send an agency wide communication reminding all staff of the City's arrest policy.

We genuinely appreciate your diligence in raising this matter with us. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 410-396-6802 or Corren.johnson@baltimorecity.gov. Your ongoing support is greatly valued, and we remain committed to upholding the highest standard of compliance with the City's policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Corren Johnson
Director

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