

Memorandum

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To: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County

The Honorable Chairperson Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General

Date: September 25, 2009

Re: Former Transit Employee Arrested, IG09-42

Attached is a press release relating to the arrest of former Miami-Dade County Transit Department employee Anna Maria Doleman. Doleman was arrested after an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office uncovered evidence that she had falsified documents claiming to be on jury duty.

Doleman was paid for a week's absence when she submitted documents to her employer purporting to be from the Clerk of Courts calling her to jury duty. The OIG investigation revealed Doleman had not been summoned to jury duty, the documentation was false, and that it bore the signature of a non-existent Clerk of Courts employee. Doleman has been charged with four felonies and has been terminated from her position with the County.

Attachment

cc: Hon. Harvey Ruvin, Clerk, Circuit and County Courts

Mr. George Burgess, County Manager

Mr. Denis Morales, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

Mr. Harpal S. Kapoor, Director, Transit Department

Ms. Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit & Management Services

Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor

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Cashing in on Fake Jury Service Results in Arrest of Former County Employee (Miami, FL) –

Anna Maria Doleman (Doleman), 28, a resident of Miami-Dade County and a five (5) year employee of the Miami-Dade County Transit Department (Transit), was arrested today as a result of an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. Doleman, a Rail Vehicle Mechanic for Transit, collected her County paycheck after falsely claiming to be on jury service. She was charged with one count each of Forgery, Uttering a Forged Instrument, Grand Theft and Official Misconduct, all third degree felonies. In addition to the criminal charges, Doleman has been terminated from her employment with the County.

The OIG investigation revealed that in February of 2009, Doleman advised her supervisors that she had received a summons to attend jury duty. Miami-Dade County provides employees with time off with pay for jury duty service upon presentation of the official notice and a certificate of jury duty attendance. Doleman provided a document to her supervisors as proof of jury service from February 9 through February 13, 2009. The document bore the purported signature of Deputy Clerk of the Court James Finley. As a result of the paperwork submitted, Doleman received her salary for the days she was off work allegedly serving on a jury.

The OIG found that Doleman had not served as a juror on those dates, and in fact, she had never been summoned for jury duty. The OIG also determined that the Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts did not issue the document Doleman provided as proof of her jury service, nor did the Clerk of Courts have an employee by the name of James Finley.

The OIG wishes to commend the Clerk of Courts, and the Transit Department, for their cooperation with the OIG during the course of the investigation. Copies of the arrest affidavit are available at the Office of the Inspector General, 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 220, Miami, Florida, telephone number (305) 375-1946, or at the State Attorney's Office, c/o Ed Griffith, 1350 N.W. 12 Avenue, Miami, Florida, telephone number (305) 547-0535.

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