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**ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED FOR NINE ADDITIONAL SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD
EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH THEFT OF BRASS**

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General announced that nine additional Sewerage & Water Board employees have been charged with theft. This group is in addition to the ten employees who were charged in 2016. The Orleans Parish District Attorney's office confirmed that warrants were issued for theft of copper and other materials (LA R.S. 14:67.28) and malfeasance in office (LA R.S. 14:134).

OIG investigators determined that between January 2013 and June 2016, S&WB employees sold approximately 34,416 pounds of brass to scrap metal yards in the New Orleans area. The S&WB purchased these brass fittings at approximately \$15.30 a pound, which resulted in a loss of \$526,565.

Administrative investigations are continuing.

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