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CRIME CAMERAS STILL DON'T WORK

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today released a follow-up report on the Crime Camera System covering the period May 2009-April 2010.

The OIG found that the City had not implemented any of its recommendations. It found that the contract did not hold the contractor accountable for the quality of its work, and that the system continued to fail frequently. Only 41 of the 211 cameras worked when OIG staff tested them.

The follow-up review revealed that the city paid \$189,565.75 for equipment it never received, and billed the City for an additional \$200,000 that had not been authorized by purchase order.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The system was designed to fail and it did. The Administration's decision to terminate the program was wise. The challenge now is for the City to correct the longstanding problems in its procurement and contract management systems to avoid wasteful failures in the future. I urge Mayor Landrieu to establish a strong and effective chief procurement officer organization to implement these needed reforms."

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The report is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.