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NEGLECT OF DUTY, MISUSE OF CITY PROPERTY AND ABUSE OF OFFICE BY KYSHUN WEBSTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUVENILE JUSTICE INTERVENTION CENTER

As detailed in the Report of Investigation released today, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) determined that former Juvenile Justice Intervention Center (JJIC) Executive Director Kyshun Webster Kyshun Webster was frequently absent from work and, consequently, may have neglected his responsibilities as Executive Director of the JJIC.

Webster also may have misused City property by transporting his dog in City-owned vehicles, and housing his dog at the JJIC facility. Kyshun Webster also misspent City funds by compelling JJIC employees to care for his dog, while they were on duty.

Because Kyshun Webster compelled JJIC employees to care for his dog while they were on duty, he may have also violated the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics, La R.S. 42:1116 - Abuse of Office, Paragraph (A), which states:

No public servant shall use the authority of his office or position, directly or indirectly, in a manner intended to compel or coerce any person or other public servant to provide himself, any other public servant, or other person with any thing of economic value. This Subsection shall not be construed to limit that authority authorized by law, statute, ordinance, or legislative rule in carrying out official duties.

The OIG also found that Webster often bypassed the JJIC access card system. The OIG recommended that all JJIC employees, regardless of position, should adhere to JJIC security protocols, including using their access card to enter the facility, signing the log book and complying with other procedures subsequent to entering the facility.

The Juvenile Justice Intervention Center (JJIC) has a critical role in detaining and fostering behavioral change of juveniles within this City who need to be held accountable for their behavior. It's continued and future success depends upon having a director who adheres to the standards of behavior reflected in Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Policy Memorandum 83 R (Standards of Behavior for City Employees) as well as the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

-Edward Michel, Inspector General

In addition to today's report, the OIG released a brief with highlights. Go to www.nolaog.gov to view all OIG reports.