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**OIG RELEASES SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION FOR NOPD PAYROLL FRAUD CASE**

The New Orleans Office of Inspector General (OIG) has released a Summary Report of Investigation providing an overview of potential payroll fraud and timekeeping violations by an officer with the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD).

The Summary Report provides background and context from the OIG's investigation, as well as the OIG's findings and conclusions. Per the OIG's ordinance, a full report regarding the investigation has been distributed to the proper prosecutorial agencies for any actions deemed appropriate by those agencies.

The report's preliminary findings show specific pathways for fraud, waste, and abuse. As the City contends with an ongoing fiscal crisis, the OIG believes that sharing this information may assist the NOPD and other City departments in identifying and preventing similar time-and-attendance misconduct. However, the OIG is not identifying the individual involved, as the matter remains under criminal investigation.

This case is one of multiple OIG investigations into potential payroll fraud and timekeeping violations. Amid these ongoing investigations, the OIG identified several recurring issues in the NOPD's timekeeping and overtime practices. In April 2026, the OIG released a public letter outlining these issues, which violate City and/or NOPD policy and increase the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse. The OIG's April letter included key recommendations for the NOPD to improve oversight and management of its timekeeping and overtime. Today's report recognizes that the NOPD has since implemented several measures and reforms to address these issues.

**Inspector General Ed Michel stated:**

“Potential payroll fraud by a police officer not only undermines public trust, but can deprive citizens of important public-safety services and negatively impact City finances. We commend the NOPD for taking critical steps to strengthen its oversight of officer timekeeping, and we encourage the department to continue improving its payroll and overtime management. In light of the City's financial circumstances, it is essential that public funds are used efficiently and effectively for the people of New Orleans.”

To view the OIG's Summary of Investigation and NOPD Overtime and Timekeeping Practices letter, visit [NolaOIG.gov/Investigations](http://NolaOIG.gov/Investigations).

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