



Memorandum



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To: Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Honorable Jean Monestime, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General

Date: June 11, 2015

Subject: Arrest of PROS Employee for Stealing Diesel Fuel and Gasoline, Ref. IG15-21

Acting on confidential complaints received by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), both agencies joined together to investigate allegations that a Miami-Dade County employee was stealing gasoline. The investigation identified the truck as being assigned to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department (PROS) and solely utilized by Siul Delgado, a Landscape Supervisor I. Through a variety of surveillance techniques and fuel usage analysis, the investigation determined that Delgado stole gasoline, diesel fuel and fertilizer. Delgado transported the diesel fuel and fertilizer to a third party location. A warrant for his arrest was obtained and Delgado was taken into custody today. Delgado has been charged with one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud, a third degree felony.

The complaints received provided investigators with the Miami-Dade County vehicle number. The vehicle, a pick-up truck assigned to PROS, is outfitted with gas and diesel tanks on its bed, which is designed to be a mobile dispenser to fuel landscape equipment, such as commercial drivable lawn mowers and gas powered hand held equipment, located among various County parks. Delgado's job duties required him to supervise roving landscape crews and fuel their equipment from the containers in the back of the County pick-up truck.

Upon determining assignment of the vehicle and identification of the PROS employee, investigators obtained the fuel usage records linked to those pieces of equipment to analyze usage fuel consumption patterns. A review of the reports revealed that diesel usage materially increased from mid-February of this year to the present. Furthermore, a fueling pattern emerged around the same time—the fuel cards were often used consecutively on the same dates, for the maximum amount of fuel allowed on each card.

MDPD Detectives in the Public Corruption Bureau and OIG Special Agents jointly implemented a variety of surveillance techniques to gather evidence of the on-going theft. Investigators established that the fuel was being delivered to the home of a third

party. The stolen county fuel was being dispensed into a diesel fuel storage container located in the back yard of the third party's home. The surveillances also revealed that Delgado transferred county gasoline from the gas tank in the bed of the pick-up truck to his own personal vehicle.

This morning after Delgado's arrest, a search warrant was executed at the home of the third party. MDPD Public Corruption Detectives and OIG Special Agents are continuing their work in this investigation.

The OIG is grateful to PROS for their cooperation and assistance during the investigation. Attached is a press release from the State Attorney's Office with additional information about today's arrest.

Attachment

cc: Alex Ferro, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
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**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County Landscape Supervisor Charged in Fuel Theft

Miami (June 11, 2015) As a result of a joint Miami-Dade County Police Department, Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General and Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office investigation, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Employee Siul Delgado was arrested on Thursday June 11, 2015 and charged with one count of Organized Scheme to Defraud under \$20,000.

The investigation started via information from a confidential source in April of 2015 indicating that Delgado was possibly dispensing county gasoline at a private home located at 16988 SW 141 Court, Miami-Dade County. Further investigation and surveillance indicated a pattern of suspicious gasoline movements utilizing a County-owned pick-up truck containing gas and diesel tanks on its bed. Normally, such trucks are used to pump fuel into County landscape equipment being used at various sites around Miami-Dade.

Investigative surveillance revealed a number of fuel fillings, in excess of normal usage, and unexplained movements of the fuel truck to the 16988 SW 141 Court address, followed by the operating sound of the fuel truck pump. Other surveillance showed Delgado adding county fuel to his own private vehicle and also leaving 5 bags of county fertilizer at the same SW 141 Court location.

"Individuals who feel that they are entitled to use and steal county property have no place in our county workforce," commented State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. "A public salary never allows anyone to become a public thief.

"We value our continuing partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department and the State Attorney's Office. Confidential complaints from honest employees and citizens sent to us enable our agencies to root out those who violate the public's trust," said Miami-Dade County Inspector General, Mary T. Cagle.

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