



Memorandum

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To: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
The Honorable Chairperson Bruno A. Barreiro
Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Christopher Mazzella
Inspector General

Date: September 18, 2007

Re: OIG Investigation Results in Sentence for Manager of a Pre-Trial Service Provider

Michael Headley (Headley), a manager for a Court Diversion Services/Pre-Trial Options program, pled guilty and was sentenced on September 11, 2007. An investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) resulted in Headley being charged by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office. Headley was sentenced on seven counts of Grand Theft to five (5) years probation with the special condition that he pays \$31,000 in restitution. Headley's actions were uncovered during an OIG probe into the management of a program, Miami-Dade Resident College (MDRC), which received County and State grants.

MDRC, a not-for-profit corporation, was established to provide disadvantaged juveniles or those within the criminal justice system with social work services. MDRC sought and received a variety of grants from the County through the Miami-Dade Housing Agency and the State. MDRC also established a Court Diversion Services/Pre-Trial Options program (Diversion Program). This program designated MDRC to provide Pre-trial diversion services to defendants referred to the program by the courts. As part of those services, MDRC was responsible for collecting victim restitution money from criminal defendants, and then forwarding that money to the victims. Headley managed the Diversion Program.

While conducting the investigation into MDRC's use of the County grant funds, it became apparent that Michael Headley was stealing funds from the Diversion program. Headley falsified MDRC checks and arranged through friends for those checks to be cashed and the funds returned to him for his own personal use. The case against Headley was prosecuted by the Ft. Myers State Attorney's Office after the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office filed a conflict with the Governor's office. The OIG investigation into the misuse of County grant funds is pending prosecution.

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