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**Office of the Inspector General
Miami-Dade County**

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Carlos Alvarez, Mayor
The Honorable Chairperson Joe Martinez
Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Christopher Mazzella
Inspector General

Date: April 20, 2006

Re: Manager of the Louis Wolfson Archive Sentenced for Theft

The captioned employee, Steven Davidson (Davidson), age 51, of Miami Beach, Florida was sentenced on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, concluding a joint investigation by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the Miami-Dade Police Department's (MDPD) Public Corruption Unit. Davidson, a Miami-Dade County librarian, was on loan to the Louis Wolfson II Florida Moving Image Archive, Inc. (Archive) and held the position of Manager of the Archive since 1987. Davidson pled guilty to one count each of Official Misconduct, Forgery, Uttering a Forged Instrument and Grand Theft.

The investigation revealed that Davidson abused his position as Manager by submitting fraudulent invoices to disguise the purchase of unauthorized items, embezzling over \$1,800 to purchase goods delivered directly to his home, and submitting bogus expense reports. Investigators uncovered that Davidson submitted phony invoices to steal computers, software, iPod digital music players, and to obtain reimbursement for personal travel expenses. Davidson also wrote checks to cash or to himself from a Wolfson Archive bank account he controlled. An OIG audit also found significant deficiencies in the financial administration of the Archive. As a result of this audit, significant reforms have been adopted.

Davidson was sentenced to ten (10) years probation with the special conditions that he complete 200 hours of community service, pay restitution to the Archive in the amount of \$21,331.97, pay a total of \$28,591.62 in investigative costs, return any and all items stolen to the Archive, and not work for any governmental or non-profit agency during the term of his probation.

cc: Mr. George Burgess, County Manager
Mr. Alex Munoz, Assistant County Manager
Mr. Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade County Public Library System
Ms. Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit & Management Services

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