

## **SUMMARY**

### **Internal Security Department MTA/OIG Report #10-03**

OIG investigated anonymous allegations of favoritism against the Director of MTA Bridges and Tunnels' Special Investigations Division within the agency's Internal Security Department.

Our investigation established that the Director had a close and ongoing relationship with a female employee in his reporting line. We also found that the Director neither informed his supervisors about this relationship nor recused himself from decision-making regarding the employee's work assignments. We found further that the Director's actions created a conflict of interest in violation of the MTA All-Agency Code of Ethics.

Based on our findings, we recommended that the female employee be reassigned to a unit outside the Director's reporting line and that the Director be disciplined for his ethical violation. The Director was reprimanded and reassigned to another division within the Internal Security Department.

#### **Press**

[The Daily News 2/25/10 - MTA Bridges & Tunnels internal affairs chief George Lake hid ties with underling, report reveals](#)

[The Daily News 2/25/10 - MTA internal affairs honcho George Lake stripped of duties for hiding affair with staffer](#)