SUMMARY

EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT - Theft of time by MNR Track Inspectors

OIG received allegations that two Metro-North Track Inspectors were spending several hours of their work day at home without authorization. Surveillance of these individuals by OIG Investigators confirmed that one of them did indeed spend as much as four hours a day at home while claiming to be at work.

Following our investigation we referred the matter to the Office of the Westchester County District Attorney. One employee was arrested and charged with Grand Larceny and other crimes. On December 15, 2010, the employee pleaded guilty to Petit Larceny, a class A misdemeanor, and resigned from Metro-North. He was also ordered to pay the railroad approximately \$1,900 in restitution, and a \$300 fine.

The other Metro-North Track Inspector admitted to OIG Investigators that he had spent time away from work without authorization. Following disciplinary charges and a hearing, the employee was terminated

Press

NY Daily News 9/23/2010 - AWOL foreman for Metro-North told to take rest of life off after MTA fires, arrests him