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### **OIG Finds DHCA Manager Was Involved in Hiring Family Member**

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Memorandum of Investigation, *Public Synopsis- Investigation of Prohibited Personnel Practices at DHCA*, detailing the results of an OIG investigation into allegations a manager at the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) hired several friends and family members and later circumvented department procedures to give these individuals preference in overtime assignments.

The investigation did not find evidence showing the manager gave preference in overtime assignments to individuals named in the complaint. However, the investigation did find that the manager participated in the hiring of a relative without disclosing the relationship, a violation of Montgomery County Personnel Regulations (MCPR). Both the manager and their relative lied to the OIG investigators when initially questioned about their relationship, but in subsequent interviews disclosed their connection and admitted to previously attempting to mislead the OIG.

In response to this investigation, the County's Chief Administrative Officer responded that the County would ensure corrective action is taken.

Read the [full report](#).

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