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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Montgomery County OIG Investigation Finds Errors in MCPD Invoice to MCPS**

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of two new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Memoranda of Investigations (MOI), [\*Investigation into Improper Invoice Payment Made by MCPS and SRO Grant Reimbursement Denial\*](#), and [\*Investigation into Unsupported Invoice Submitted by MCPD to MCPS\*](#). Both MOIs report on findings from an OIG investigation into a suspect invoice for approximately \$149,063 sent from the Montgomery County Department of Police (MCPD) to the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) in 2023 for police officer coverage at MCPS events in FY2023. One MOI details findings related to MCPD’s activities while the other presents actions undertaken by MCPS associated with the invoice.

In FY2023, MCPS received a grant through the Maryland Center for School Safety’s (MCSS) School Resource Officer Grant that provides reimbursement for expenses related to police officer coverage to support school events. Grant funds are provided on a reimbursement basis and require proper supporting documentation for expenses. The charges on the invoice in question were eligible for reimbursement under the MCSS grant.

The OIG found that MCPD’s invoice contained approximately \$45,000 in unsupported charges and approximately \$2,700 in expenses that had previously been paid by MCPS. The OIG also found that MCPS staff paid the invoice without taking appropriate steps to verify the charges were correct and adequately supported. After extensive communication with MCSS seeking reimbursement for the \$149,063 paid to MCPD, MCSS decided not to reimburse MCPS because they had not received adequate support for the charged amounts.

The OIG recommended that MCPD and MCPS take steps to strengthen policy and educate employees, and work together to reconcile payment discrepancies.

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