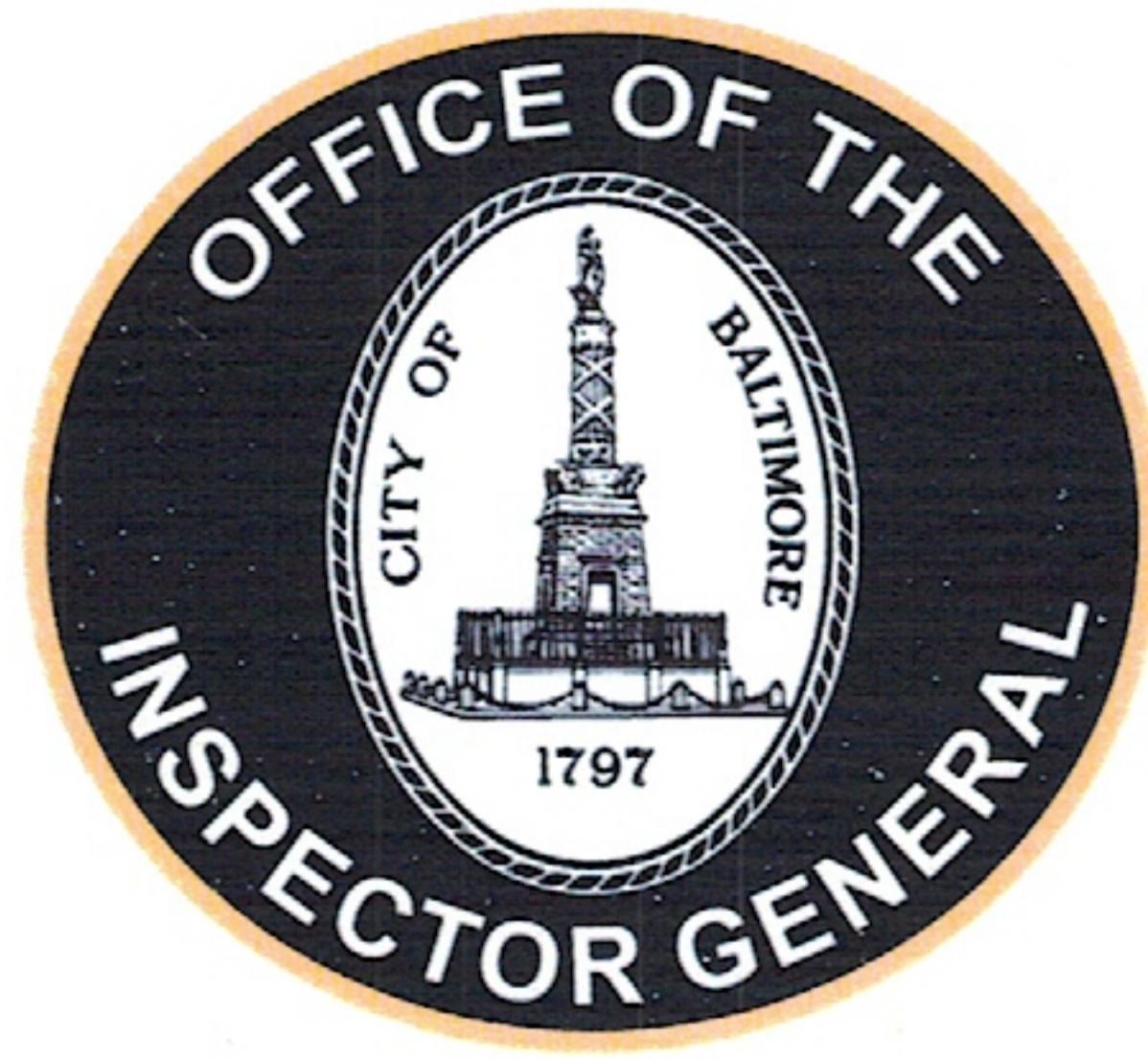


OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL CITY OF BALTIMORE



Isabel Mercedes Cumming
Inspector General

Investigative Report Synopsis

OIG Case # 19-0069-I

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

ISABEL MERCEDES CUMMING, Inspector General
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April 26, 2019

Dear Citizens of Baltimore City,

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an investigation regarding misuse of a City computer by an employee. The complaint alleged the employee was using the City computer to access sexually explicit images from the internet.

The mission of the OIG is to promote accountability, efficiency, and integrity in City government, as well as the investigation of complaints of fraud, financial waste, and abuse in City government. With the assistance of the Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology (BCIT), the OIG investigation substantiated the allegation related to misuse of a City computer. It was determined the employee was in possession of over 4,000 images downloaded during a time span of less than a month. The employee admitted to accessing and downloading the images and acknowledged he knew it was a violation of City policy to do so. Additionally, the OIG investigation determined the employee was downloading these images during his regular work hours.

Management took immediate action and the employee is no longer working for the City of Baltimore. A referral was made to the Law Department regarding reimbursement of wages paid to the employee while engaging in the aforementioned activity. The OIG thanks BCIT for their assistance in this investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isabel Mercedes Cumming".

Isabel Mercedes Cumming, Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General

Cc: Hon. Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Ex-Officio Mayor of Baltimore City
Hon. Sharon Green Middleton, Acting President, City Council
Hon. Joan M. Pratt, Baltimore City Comptroller
Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council
Hon. Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor

