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Former Air Force Sergeant Pleads Guilty to Theft of GPS Receiver

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Defense (DoD) announced today that on November 1, 2005, David Perry, a civilian Air Traffic Controller, Air Force Flight Standards Agency, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, appeared before United States District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA, and pled guilty to violating one count of Theft of Government Property, 18 USC 641.

The plea is the result of an investigation that disclosed that in March 2001, Perry, while employed as a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, requisitioned a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver and related equipment valued at \$1,370. The GPS receiver was modified specifically for military use and was not available for commercial purchase. Perry retained the GPS receiver after retiring from the USAF. In November 2003, Perry placed the GPS receiver on sale on the eBay internet auction website, and was ultimately sold to Government officials for \$2,000.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Stephen M. Campbell, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA. Sentencing is set for January 27, 2006.

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