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Former U.S. Army Recruiter Arrested for the Illegal Use of a Government Issued Credit Card

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on April 18, 2005, Zachary Dustin Taylor, U.S. Army, plead guilty in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke, VA, to a one count criminal information charging him with access device fraud (18 U.S.C. 1029) in connection with his illegal use of a Government Fleet credit card.

Taylor was previously arrested at his Lincoln, Alabama residence in February 2005 pursuant to an indictment issued by a Federal Grand Jury in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke. The information specifically charged that Taylor, on or about January 2004, did knowingly and with intent to defraud, solicit an individual to accept a Government Fleet credit card without authorization.

The investigation discovered that Taylor gave a Government Fleet credit card issued by his U.S. Army Recruiting Office to John James Garland, a friend, who subsequently used the stolen card to purchase gasoline, automotive parts and food for his personal use and consumption in excess of \$13,000. The Government Fleet card program is administered by the General Services Administration (GSA) and provides for the maintenance of Government owned and leased vehicles and is to be used only by authorized Government employees.

This investigation was conducted by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (the criminal investigative arm of the OIG, DoD) and the GSA OIG. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Jacobsen, U.S. Attorney's Office, Roanoke, VA, handled the prosecution of this case.

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