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Two Former Administrative Assistants for the Army Corps of Engineers Indicted for Misuse of Government Purchase Cards

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Defense (DoD) announced today that on October 5, 2004, Aisha Dorsey and Joyce Young, both former administrative assistants for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), assigned to offices at Ft. Belvoir, VA, and the Soldiers Home, in Washington, D.C., were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, in Baltimore, MD, on one count each of theft of Government property.

The indictments were the result of an investigation that disclosed that from February 2000 through March 2004 (Dorsey) and from June 2002 through December 2003 (Young), the two administrative assistants allegedly misappropriated Government funds by using their Government Purchase Cards (GPCs), U.S Government issued credit cards, to make purchases of personal items to include clothing, jewelry, house wares and appliances, electronics and cellular telephones. Some of those items were eventually sold for profit. The indictment alleges that both Dorsey and Young also retroactively created purchase requests representing that their purchases were for office supplies. Dorsey's fraudulent purchases totaled \$172,140 and Young's, \$51,517.

If convicted, Dorsey and Young face a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

The investigation is being conducted by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (the criminal investigative arm of the OIG DoD). The prosecution is being handled by the Assistant United States Attorney Ari Casper, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland.

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