



U.S. Embassy Nairobi, Kenya

July 2021

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In the 2018 report, *Inspection of Embassy Nairobi, Kenya* (ISP-I-19-08), OIG recommended that the embassy review all unliquidated obligations with no activity for over one year, deobligate those that are no longer valid in accordance with Department standards, and put up to \$1.7 million to better use. In response, Embassy Nairobi provided documentation showing a full accounting of the close-out of all unliquidated obligations, resulting in \$1,621,181 put to better use.

In July 2021, Roudy Pierre-Louis pled guilty to one count of wire fraud in South Carolina District Court in Charleston. OIG special agents, working jointly with special agents from the Army’s Criminal Investigation Command and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, determined that, from 2015 through 2018, Pierre-Louis, a former Budget Analyst in the United States Embassy in Haiti, forged the names of U.S Southern Command military commanders on vouchers he created. This was done to obtain cash from the U.S. Embassy as a trusted employee. Sentencing is pending.

In July 2021, Paul Guertin, a former Foreign Service Officer, was arrested for intentionally concealing information on his SF-86 background investigation questionnaires and in interviews with Department background investigators. OIG special agents determined Guertin withheld information about several categories of conduct. Such issues included an undisclosed sexual relationship with a Chinese national, whose U.S. visa application was adjudicated by Guertin while he was serving as a consular officer; undisclosed gambling debts; and an undisclosed \$225,000 loan from two Chinese nationals, who were directed by Guertin to provide \$45,000 of the initial disbursement in the form of cash in \$100 bills. Previously, in March 2021, Guertin was indicted for wire fraud and obstructing an official proceeding.

REPORTS ISSUED

- *Inspection of the Bureau of Information Resource Management’s Office of Consolidated Customer Support* ([ISP-I-21-19](#))
- *Inspection of the Bureau of Administration, Office of the Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisitions Management, International Programs Division’s Grants Branch* ([ISP-I-21-26](#))
- *Review of the Bureau of Global Talent Management, Office of the Executive Director, Office of Technology Services’ Information System Processes* ([ISP-I-21-29](#))
- *Inspection of the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Office of 1CA: Leadership, Management, and Innovation* ([ISP-I-21-28](#))
- *Inspection of the Bureau of Administration, Office of the Procurement Executive, Office of Acquisitions Management, Diplomatic Security Contracts Division* ([ISP-I-21-15](#))
- *(SBU) Targeted Inspection of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Criminal Investigative Liaison Branch* (ISP-I-21-35)
- *Audit of the Bureau of Global Talent Management, Office of Talent Services, Fulfillment of Service-Level Agreement Requirements* ([AUD-CGI-21-36](#))
- *Management Assistance Report: Improved Guidance and Acquisition Planning is Needed to Reduce the Use of Bridge Contracts in Afghanistan and Iraq* ([AUD-MERO-21-37](#))
- *Management Assistance Report: Financial Monitoring of Foreign Assistance Grants and Cooperative Agreements in Somalia Needs Improvement* ([AUD-MERO-21-35](#))
- *Audit of Department of State Compliance With Requirements Relating to Unfinalized Contract Actions* ([AUD-MERO-21-38](#))
- *Audit of Department of State Protocols for Establishing and Operating Remote Diplomatic Missions* ([AUD-MERO-21-33](#))
- *(Classified) Management Alert: U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Iraq Body Armor* (MA-21-01)

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