MAKING A DIFFERENCE


In November 2021, Tanner Jackson pleaded guilty to a wire fraud scheme that involved selling Chinese-made military helmets, body armor, and other products to the Department and other federal agencies while falsely claiming that his company manufactured the goods in Texas. FBI, Army Criminal Investigative Division, and OIG special agents determined Tanner altered or falsified ballistics laboratory test reports that he provided to the government to conceal the origin of the products. Sentencing is pending.

In November 2021, Rita M. Starliper was sentenced to 1 year in prison, 2 years supervised release, and a $100 special assessment for her role in a bribery scheme with a former contracting officer (CO) for the U.S. Agency for Global Media. Previously, in June 2021, Starliper, the former owner and CEO of a Government contracting firm, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery and honest services mail fraud. OIG and FBI special agents determined that between late 2014 and 2016, Starliper agreed to hire the contracting officer’s relative for a job involving minimal work that resulted in payments of more than $68,000. In exchange, the former CO took actions that benefited Starliper and her company, including the awarding of a professional staffing contract worth millions of dollars.

NEW WORK STARTED

- Audit of Department of State Actions to Prevent Unlawful Trafficking in Persons Practices When Executing Security, Construction, and Household Services Contracts at Overseas Posts

REPORTS ISSUED

- Audit of Compliance With Cost-Sharing Requirements for Selected Department of State Grants and Cooperative Agreements (AUD-CGI-22-12)
- Audit of the Department of State’s FY 2021 Implementation of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (AUD-FM-22-08)
- Review of the Bureau of Consular Affairs’ ConsularOne Modernization Program – Significant Deployment Delays Continue (ISP-I-22-03)
- FY 2022 Comprehensive Oversight Plan for Overseas Contingency Operations (November 8, 2021)