

OIG No. 12-0679

William LaRosa & Samuel Maldonado

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Office of the President Summary

In July, 2012, the HHC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received from the HHC Office of Corporate Compliance and from the New York City Department of Investigation an anonymous complaint concerning William LaRosa, Supervisor of Electricians, and Samuel Maldonado, Electrician's Helper, both at Elmhurst Hospital Center.

The complainant alleged that Mr. LaRosa was conducting a personal business during his HHC work hours, and Mr. Maldonado, his subordinate, was working for that business during work hours.

OIG Report and Findings

The OIG reviewed personnel files, email accounts, computer hard drives, purchasing and timekeeping records. NYC and NYS agency records, and other public records and databases also were consulted. Multiple surveillances were conducted, and the subjects, as well as others, were interviewed.

The OIG confirmed that the two subjects jointly own ITS Electrical Corporation. Further, public records indicate that Mr. LaRosa is the licensed electrician for two additional businesses.

Documents relating to the jointly owned private business were discovered on HHC computer hard drives. No email correspondence relating to the private businesses were detected on HHC computers. No evidence was discovered that would corroborate Mr. LaRosa or Mr. Maldonado working for their private business during their HHC scheduled time.

The OIG finds that both subjects may have violated Charter provision 2604(b)(2), and that Mr. Maldonado violated HHC Operating Procedure 30-1 by not fully providing truthful responses during the investigation.

The OIG recommends that the two subjects dissolve their business relationship or be transferred, that both be disciplined for their violation of the Conflict of Interest Law, and that Mr. Maldonado be disciplined for violating HHC Operating Procedure 30-1.

Disposition by the Office of the President

The President's office accepts the findings of the OIG. The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board imposed fines on both employees and HHC agreed to impose no additional discipline.



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President and CEO**