

OIG No. 2013-1142

Locksmiths

August 5, 2014

Office of the President Summary

An anonymous complainant, determined to be a locksmith at Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC) alleged in the autumn of 2013: (i.) that two of his co-workers were falsifying time records; (ii.) that two senior KCHC officials had knowledge of and approved the submittal of fraudulent time records; (iii.) that co-workers were operating a private business from KCHC facilities and appropriating HHC materials for re-sale; and (iv.) that a co-worker was using HHC computers for viewing pornographic web sites. The HHC Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigated these and similar complaints submitted to the NYC Police Department Internal Affairs Bureau and to the NYC Department of Investigations that were forwarded to the HHC OIG. In addition, the complainant requested “whistleblower” protection from the OIG. The King’s County District Attorney (KCDA) also investigated certain of these allegations.

OIG Report and Findings

The OIG reported that office’s findings to the HHC President on August 5, 2014.

The OIG reported that evidence gathered by that office did not support the allegations of the complainant. Further, the OIG found that the complainant’s claim for “Whistleblower” protection to be unfounded. The OIG also noted that the KCDA found insufficient evidence to support allegations against any KCHC locksmith shop employees.

Disposition by the Office of the President

The President’s office accepts the findings of the OIG.



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