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OIG 2013-1131
Tenille Muhammad
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Office of the President Summary

The HHC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received an allegation that July 2013, Tenille Muhammad, a Patient Care Associate at Kings County Hospital Center, cashed two of her paychecks twice by first depositing them into her personal bank account using a mobile phone application (which transmits a photo of the check to the bank for deposit) and then cashing the same two checks at a check cashing establishment.

OIG Report and Findings

The OIG substantiated the findings based on photographic evidence, information provided by the check cashing establishment, and apparent signature matches.

Disposition by the Office of the President

The President's office accepts the findings of the OIG. Although HHC's personnel rules specify that no discipline shall be commenced more than 18 months after the occurrence of alleged misconduct, there is an exception where the misconduct would constitute a crime if proven in a court. Accordingly, this matter will be referred to the Labor Relations Department of the hospital with the directive that discipline up to and including termination be pursued. In addition, as the Corporation was obligated twice for each paycheck, the Office of Legal Affairs is directed to refer the matter for litigation against the employee for collection of improperly collected amounts.



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