

## MEMORANDUM CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**To:** Matthew Brewer, Interim Board Chairman

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From: Kathryn Richards, Inspector General

**Date:** May 15, 2025

**Subject:** Significant OIG Activity – Indictment of Former HCV Participant Anton

Netter and his Partner Rasheedah Williams

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) writes to notify you that, on April 30, 2025, the Grand Jury sitting in the Circuit Court of Cook County returned indictments charging former Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participant Anton Netter and Rasheedah Williams, Netter's partner and the mother of his children, with multiple criminal charges for defrauding the CHA. The couple were arraigned on Wednesday May 14, 2025.

A CHA OIG investigation found that for more than eight years, Netter received housing assistance from the CHA to rent housing in Chicago, but instead, lived with Williams and their children in a property she owns in Lynwood, Illinois. He never resided in the subsidized housing. In addition, Netter failed to report various sources of income from employment and a business he co-owned with Williams. As a result, from June 2015 through January 2024, Netter fraudulently obtained housing benefits totaling approximately \$176,747.00 from the CHA.

The indictment of Netter includes one count of Theft of Governmental Property exceeding \$100,000.00 (Class X Felony), one count of Theft of Governmental Property exceeding \$500.00, but less than \$10,000.00 (Class 2 Felony), four counts of Forgery (Class 3 Felony), one count of Wire Fraud (Class 3 Felony), and one count of State Benefits Fraud (Class 3 Felony), relative to his scheme to defraud the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA).

A separate four-count indictment charges Williams with two counts of Theft of Governmental Property Exceeding \$100,000.00 (Class X Felony) and two counts of Forgery (Class 3 Felony), for her role in facilitating the theft.

Prosecution of the matter is being handled by the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Public Integrity Bureau. The OIG investigation will remain open pending the outcome of the criminal court proceedings.