



**MEMORANDUM
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

OIG Reference: 2023-03-00077

To: Matthew Brewer, Interim Board Chairman
Members of the Board of Commissioners
Angela Hurlock, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Leonard Langston, Interim Chief Property Officer

From: Kathryn Richards, Inspector General
Senior Investigator Justin King

Date: July 3, 2025

Subject: Significant OIG Activity – Conviction of Delvya Harris, Former Assistant Community Manager for the Habitat Company

On June 30, 2025, Delvya Harris, a former Assistant Community Manager for the Habitat Company, pleaded guilty to one count of Theft of Governmental Property, and was sentenced to two years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Upon release, Harris is also required to serve six months of Mandatory Supervised Release. In addition, the judge entered a restitution judgment order totaling \$69,222.00, of which \$18,215.00 is owed to the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). The remainder is owed to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

At the time of the theft, Harris was working at Trumbull Park Homes for the Habitat company. The OIG's investigation revealed that from November 2022 through March 2023, Harris stole at least 50 money orders totaling approximately \$18,215.00 from CHA residents. Instead of ensuring the CHA received the rent payments, Harris deposited the money orders into her own personal bank accounts, or had her partner cash them at various currency exchanges.

Harris was originally indicted in September 2024 on six counts, including three counts of Theft of Governmental Property; two counts of Forgery; and one count of Wire Fraud. The Grand Jury also returned a 13-count indictment charging Harris with two counts of Loan Fraud, seven counts of Forgery, and four counts of Income Tax Fraud, stemming from Harris's receipt of two fraudulent Paycheck Protection Program loans and one Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance Loan, totaling \$51,000.00. In addition, Harris submitted fraudulent applications for two additional EIDL loans, which were ultimately denied.

Habitat terminated Harris in early 2023. The OIG worked with Habitat to identify all affected tenant ledgers for appropriate adjustments. Prosecution of the matter was handled by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Public Integrity Bureau. The OIG's investigation is now closed.