



**NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

**TITLE:** [REDACTED]  
**CASE NUMBER:** 08-045  
**DATE OF REPORT:** May 20, 2009  
**REPORT PREPARED BY:** SA [REDACTED] JH

**CLOSED**

Report of Interview:  
Report of Documents:  
Other Activity (Describe): Closing Report

**Allegation:**

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI) received an allegation that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] has been taking a company vehicle home without garaging authority.

**Findings:**

On April 23, 2008, from 5:15am to 6:30am, OI observed an Amtrak marked vehicle with Government Tag # [REDACTED] and Amtrak number [REDACTED] parked in front of [REDACTED]'s home address in [REDACTED]. At approximately 6:55am, OI observed a white male wearing glasses and an orange shirt, driving the above mentioned vehicle. The driver appeared to be [REDACTED].

On April 23, 2008, OI obtained information from the automotive department in reference to Amtrak vehicle number [REDACTED]. The information revealed that the vehicle is assigned to the Engineering Department, located in the [REDACTED] Coach Yard, under Responsible center [REDACTED]. The responsible person was listed as [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

OI reviewed [REDACTED]'s time and attendance records for April 22, 2008, April 23, 2008 and April 24, 2008. This data revealed that [REDACTED] worked eight (8) hours straight time on April 22, 2008, worked eight (8) and one half hours straight time and eight (8) hours overtime on April 23, 2008, and worked eight (8) and one half hours straight time and eight (8) hours overtime on April 24, 2008.

On October 7, 2008, OI received the alternate garaging authority list from the automotive department for the recorded period from May 2007, to May 2008. A review of this document revealed that [REDACTED] was not listed as having alternate garaging authority.

[REDACTED] admitted to OI that he did take his company assigned vehicle home on occasion and that he knew he did not have permission/authorization to do so.

OI interviewed [REDACTED]'s superiors-all of whom said they never gave him permission to take a company vehicle home.

**Comments:**

On April 9, 2009, OI sent the Management referral to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On April 20, 2009, OI received [REDACTED]'s response (See Exhibit #1). As of result of OI's recommendations, Engineering will bring formal charges against Mr. [REDACTED] and assess appropriate discipline and has issued letter of instruction 09-02 to all engineering employees to review Amtrak's highway vehicle utilization and control policy.

On May 19, 2009, I received the signed voluntary waiver form for the case against [REDACTED] from charging Officer [REDACTED] (See Exhibit #2). [REDACTED] admitted his guilt in the case and accepted the discipline of a ten (10) calendar day suspension. Five (5) days suspension will be served immediately and five (5) days suspension will be held in abeyance for one (1) year from the date that he signed the waiver.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that this case be closed pending the development of further information.

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Inspector General/Counsel's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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