

FY2020 Investigations

Case #	Source	Case Type	Nature of Allegation	Case Outcome	Case Disposition
20-0002	Anonymous	Government Activity	Fire/EMS employee soliciting business on behalf of a relative	Referred to Fire/EMS	Outside the scope of OEA
20-0003	Anonymous	Government Activity	Fire/EMS employee had knowledge of testing scenarios for lieutenant exam	Referred to Fire/EMS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0005	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Private contractor not paid for work completed at MGM National Harbor	Reviewed by OEA	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0006	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Request for review of an international organization subject to Nigerian Law	Reviewed by OEA	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0007	Employee	Employee Relations	Requests update of grievance filed against DPWT regarding suspension for MVA violation	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0019	Citizen	Government Activity	City of Seat Pleasant employee placed on administrative leave without pay and allegations of discrimination	Referred to City of Seat Pleasant Legal Counsel	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0020	Employee	Employee Relations	DPIE Supervisor manipulates performance statistics and pressures subordinates to engage in dishonest business practices	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0021	Citizen	Government Activity	Citizen alleges racial discrimination due to non-response to concerns of trees on school property	Referred to COS and PGCPs	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0022	Citizen	Employee Relations	Hours worked not processed timely for PSI contractors	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0023	Employee	Employee Relations	DPWT unfair hiring practices towards women regarding promotional opportunities	Reviewed	Request rescinded
20-0024	Citizen	Abuse	Harassment by police officer	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0025	Citizen	Fraud	Credit card fraud on Verizon account	Reviewed	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0026	Anonymous	County Resources	Fire/EMS manager using County resources for retired dog	Referred to Fire/EMS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0032	Employee	Employee Relations	DSS Facebook Administrator using social media to disclose confidential information	Referred to DSS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0033	Employee	Disclosure of Confidential	PII of County employees via shared drive	Investigated by OEA – Referred	Unsubstantiated; Recommendation(s)

		Information		to BOE	provided
20-0037	Citizen	Government Activity	Citizen denied bus service after being harassed by driver of County Bus	Referred to DPWT	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0039	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Non transfer of title by dealership	Complainant referred to MVA and MSP	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0043	Anonymous	Operational Review	Concerns with summer interns event hosted at Health Department headquarters	Reviewed by OEA	In conformance; Recommendation(s) provided
20-0044	Citizen	Government Activity	Driveway damaged by DPWT - Highway Maintenance vehicle	Referred to DPWT	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0046	Former Employee	Employee Relations	Former PGPD employee did not receive pension because determined unfit for duty	Reviewed	Request rescinded
20-0050	Citizen	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Citizen harassed in Pleasant House apartment complex	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0073	Employee	Employee Relations	Health Dept. employee required to use personal vehicle to conduct County business	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0096	Anonymous	Government Activity	Abuse concealed by employees of DSS	Referred to DSS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0099	Citizen	Government Activity	Unprofessional behavior against County residents by Fire/EMS personnel	Referred to Fire/EMS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0104	Citizen	Fraud	Calls identifying as Pepco employees seeking funds for late fees	Complainant referred to Pepco	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0106	Citizen	Government Activity	Improper behavior and influence by a Deputy Sheriff	Referred to Office of the Sheriff	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0107	Employee	Prestige of Office / Use of Resources / Conflict of Interest	DHCD employee used position to obtain housing	Investigated by OEA – Referred to BOE	Substantiated; Recommendation(s) provided
20-0122	Employee	Gifts/Solicitation/Fundraising	SAO soliciting money from agencies and organizations to be paid to a 501(c)(3)	Investigated by OEA – Referred to BOE	Complaint dismissed. Lack of jurisdiction; Recommendation(s) provided
20-0124	Citizen	Illegal Activity	Matter in home involving drug dealing	Complainant referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0125	Employee	Prestige of Office	Questionable conduct by Council member	Reviewed by OEA	No response required - Insufficient Information
20-0128	Citizen	Fraud	Fraudulent use of family member's credit card	Complainant referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0139	Employee	Conflict of Interest / Prestige of Office / Secondary Employment	DPIE employee has unapproved secondary employment and acceptance of gifts	Investigated by OEA – Referred to BOE	Partially Substantiated
20-0140	Employee	Employee Relations	DPWT hostile work	Referred to	Outside the Scope of

			environment and verbal altercation resulting in medical services	OHRM	OEA
20-0141	Contractor	Post-Employment	Former DPIE manager started shell company to secure minority contracts	Reviewed by OEA	No response required - Insufficient Information
20-0153	Citizen	Fraud	Out of state resident received fraudulent cashier's check to forward to a County address	Complainant referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0155	Citizen	Government Activity	Town of Brentwood employee has other source of income	Complainant referred to Town of Brentwood Ethics Board	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0157	Citizen	Abuse	Police officer destroyed property upon entry into residence.	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0158	Employee	Employee Relations	PGPD training interpreter receiving higher income for his/her level	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0159	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Landlord not addressing safety hazards in apartment	Referred to Landlord Tenant Court	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0160	Employee	Use of Resources	Employee misusing time	Investigated by OEA – Referred to BOE	Unsubstantiated
20-0163	Citizen	Waste	Contract developer inappropriately draining water pond from reforestation site posing risks to residents' homes	Referred to DPIE	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0165	Employee	Prestige of Office	DPWT hires unqualified family and friends in positions not advertised; not required to obtain standard CDL license	Previously Investigated by OEA	No action taken
20-0167	Citizen	Fraud	Rental car company scams customers by not providing refunds for vehicles with maintenance problems	Complainant referred to Small Claims Court	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0170	Citizen	Fraud	Fraudulent activity by lawn care service	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0172	Employee	Employee Relations	DPIE harassment and hostile work environment resulting from dispute of equal pay request	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0176	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Dealership did not refund down payment on vehicle never delivered	Complainant referred to Maryland Attorney General-Consumer Protection Division	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0178	Employee	Employee Relations	DPIE management	Referred to	Outside the Scope of

			retaliated against staff who filed complaint against them; gender discrimination	OHRM	OEA
20-0179	Citizen	Conflict of Interest	Acting Official offered County contracts to company while serving on its board	Investigated by OEA - Referred to BOE / Complainant referred to Maryland Ethics Commission	Compliant; Recommendation(s) provided
20-0181	Anonymous	Operational Review	DPIE contractor unfamiliar with process and not meeting obligations under the contract	Investigated by OEA – Referred to BOE	Compliant
20-0186	Employee	Operational Review	OCS misuse of agency's purchasing card	Investigated	Non-Compliant Recommendation(s) Provided
20-0187	Employee	Operational Review	OCS mismanagement of hiring process	Investigated by OEA	Compliant – Recommendation(s) Provided
20-0294	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Realtor made offensive remark to purchaser; believes citizens' private information is obtained fraudulently	Referred complainant to Maryland Real Estate Commission	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0295	Employee	Operational Review	DPWT employee received five days of bereavement for non-immediate family	Investigated by OEA	Non-Compliant Recommendation(s) Provided
20-0305	Employee	Employee Relations	OCS employee prohibited from receiving award	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0309	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Tenant occupancy removal related to apartment flood	Reviewed	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0310	Employee	Employee Relations	DFS employee requests review of disciplinary action arising from complaint to determine if it violates whistleblower protections	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0312	Contractor	Fraud	Contractor operates using a fake Substance Abuse Professional Certification	Complainant referred to State Ethics Commission	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0313	Citizen	Fraud	Contractor for State aid home assistance program did not complete work order and used fraudulent credentials	Complainant referred to DLLR- Referred to MD Home Improvement Commission	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0321	Employee	Employee Relations	OCS Deputy directed to unfairly discipline staff person	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0324	Anonymous	Operational Review	Executive Management approving small business certifications outside of code-based requirements	Investigated by OEA	Compliant – Recommendation(s) provided

20-0325	Citizen	Government Activity	Child abuse case is being concealed by DSS	Referred to DSS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0328	Employee	Employee Relations	Board of Elections retaliation related to worker's compensation case	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0330	Employee	Operational Review	Business granted permits after conviction	Investigated by OEA	Compliant
20-0331	Citizen	Abuse	Harassment and intimidation by police	Referred to PGPD Inspector General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0332	Employee	Employee Relations	DPIE retaliation due to cooperation in investigation	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0333	Employee	Employee Relations	DFS request for polices related that prohibit or protect the privacy of personal space of employees	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0334	Employee	Gifts/Solicitation/Fundraising	Distribution of family member's business calendars to staff	Referred to Fire/EMS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0339	Citizen	Illegal Act	Neighbor owns pit bull which is banned in the County	Referred to Animal Services	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0340	Citizen	Fraud	Person receiving Social Security income/benefits while employed and not paying taxes on benefits	Complainant referred to SSA Inspector General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0342	Citizen	Fraud	Citizen receiving a housing voucher without reporting changes in income status	Referred to DHCD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0352	Citizen	Government Activity	Unfair treatment within Prince George's County Community College	Complainant referred to HRC	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0359	Citizen	Waste	County undersold land parcel to Hyattsville Community Development Corporation who resold for a profit	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated
20-0360	Citizen	Government Activity	Employees of Sheriff's Department are using government issued mobile phones as personal phones	Referred to Sherriff's Department Internal Affairs	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0361	Citizen	Government Activity	Sheriff employee has DUIs and no background check was completed prior to hire	Referred to Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0363	Citizen	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Theft of official documents from Mount Rainier City Hall by Councilmembers for extortion purposes	Complainant referred to Mount Rainier	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0375	Citizen	Fraud	Mortgage loan company not licensed to operate in MD	Complainant referred to MD-DHCD and the FBI	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0378	Employee	Secondary Employment	DPIE employee has unreported secondary employment	Investigated by OEA – Referred to BOE	Unsubstantiated; Recommendation(s) provided

20-0382	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Harassment and invasion of privacy in home	Referred to PGPD Inspector General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0385	Anonymous	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Chief Officer serving on a Board has financial interest in security company which provides security for companies at National Harbor	Reviewed by OEA	No response required – Insufficient Information
20-0386	Citizen	Fraud	Debit card (checking account) fraud in the amount of \$2000 by unknown source	Complainant referred to PGPD – Financial Crimes	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0387	Anonymous	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Physicians and surgeons are using unclean instruments that are causing pink eye for patients	Complainant referred to MD Board of Physicians	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0388	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Company operating illegally in Maryland forged signature	Complainant referred to MD Attorney General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0389	Citizen	Fraud	Consumer fraud by a salesperson who installed security system in home	Complainant referred to MD Attorney General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0390	Citizen	Fraud	Landlord forged DPIE issued permits for a rental property	Referred to County Attorney	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0394	Citizen	Fraud	Fraudulent use of bank account to purchase items from Home Depot	Referred to PGPD - Financial Crimes	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0404	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Harassment, threats, intimidation and threats to self-harm	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0405	Anonymous	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Councilmember promoting family member who is an elected official	Referred to State Board of Ethics	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0408	Anonymous	Government Activity	Animal Services employee rude when taking report of deceased animal in road	Referred to Animal Services	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0409	Anonymous	Government Activity	Improper behavior involving the Mayor of Capitol Heights	Referred to Town Administrator and Attorney for Capitol Heights	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0410	Anonymous	Government Activity	Harassment by Town Administrator and Director of Neighborhood Services for Town of Capitol Heights	Referred to Town Attorney	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0413	Citizen	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Neighbors are unruly, play loud music and consume drugs	Referred to PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0414	Anonymous	Operational Review	Medical cannabis-based business hosts training at County facility	Investigated by OEA	Non-Compliant – Recommendation(s) Provided
20-0416	Citizen	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Harassment, intimidation, and illegal entry into home by staff and students at high	Complainant referred to Charles County	Outside the Scope of OEA

			school	Sheriff Dept.	
20-0417	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Tenant at Largo Knolls Community is creating disturbances and has too many people residing in the home	Referred to DHCD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0419	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Employer will not provide information to employee to file for unemployment benefits	Complainant referred to MD Dept of Labor - Unemployment Insurance Division	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0421	Anonymous	Employee Relations	DOC failed to separate inmates and staff from others testing positive for COVID-19	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0422	Anonymous	Employee Relations	DOC failed to take action for employee arrested for DUI due to the relationship with management	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0425	Board/Commission	Conflict of Interest	HRC Commissioner endorsed a judge in a public video	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated; Recommendation(s) provided
20-0426	Anonymous	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Improper conduct by deputy sheriffs and judicial branch staff	Complainant referred to PGSD – Internal Affairs	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0428	Citizen	Fraud	Company selling jewelry engaged in fraudulent billing	Complainant referred to Minnesota Attorney General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0429	Anonymous	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Violation of HUD lease agreement by not reporting all tenants in home	Referred to DHCD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0430	Citizen	Government Activity	Town of Fairmount Heights failed to implement Ethics Board	Complainant referred to MD Ethics Commission	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0431	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Resident selling meals & alcohol from home without permit	Referred to DPIE	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0433	Citizen	Employee Relations	Applicant inquires as to why employment was denied by the County	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0435	Citizen	Government Activity	Housing Authority interfered with tenant's Section 8 housing voucher; Police interfered with a civil matter	Referred to DHCD and PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0438	Anonymous	Fraud	Person receiving public assistance while additional income is unreported	Referred to DSS	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0440	Citizen	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Neighbor installed a pool and other structures without permit	Referred to DPIE	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0442	Citizen	Fraud	Unethical billing practices	Complainant	Outside the Scope of

			by a CPA	referred to MD Attorney General	OEA
20-0444	Citizen	Fraud	Business bank account hacked and creation of several accounts	Complainant referred to PGPD Inspector General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0446	Former Employee	Employee Relations	Discrimination, abuse and wrongful termination	Referred to OHRM	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0450	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	CEO of organization is requiring non-essential staff to report to work without supplying proper PPE	Complainant referred to PGHD and MD Dept. of Health	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0454	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Hospital reorganization will cut off medical services to County residents during COVID crisis	Referred to PGHD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0455	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics Complaint	Automobile collision with another vehicle resulted in a false report of the incident and requests video footage	Complainant referred to DPWT and PGPD	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0456	Citizen	Fraud	Property address is being used in a scam to collect deposits from others to show property	Referred to PGPD Inspector General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0458	Citizen	Illegal Activity/Misconduct	Vandalism by neighbor not adequately investigated to PGPD	Referred to PGPD Inspector General	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0461	Anonymous	Use of Resources	Abuse of employee work time	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated; Recommendation(s) provided
20-0462	Citizen	Government Activity	Requests inspection by Health Department of business for COVID purposes	Referred to Health Dept.	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0463	Citizen	Government Activity	Order made by a judge who gave undue favorable treatment to the defendant's attorney	Referred to Maryland Attorney Grievance Commission	Outside the Scope of OEA
20-0467	Citizen	Conflict of Interest	Conflict of interest involving Commissioner	Reviewed by OEA	No response required - Insufficient Information