

Summary: FWS Employee Used Government Travel and Purchase Cards for Personal Expenses

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We investigated allegations that Kimberly Robinson, a former Budget Analyst for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Fairbanks, Alaska, made unauthorized transactions with her Government travel and purchase cards.

We substantiated that, from May 2020 to June 2021, Robinson embezzled at least \$56,000 from the FWS when she used her Government travel and purchase cards to make a series of personal purchases. We also found that Robinson altered her monthly Government travel and purchase statements by removing the personal transactions and totals in an attempt to conceal the thefts. She then digitally certified the statements and provided them to her supervisor, who reviewed them as part of the supervisory oversight and reconciliation process.

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Alaska prosecuted this case. On May 28, 2023, Robinson resigned from the FWS as a condition of her plea agreement; on June 1, 2023, she pleaded guilty to one felony count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 641, Theft of Government Money. On September 6, 2023, Robinson was sentenced to 5 years of probation, and, on November 17, 2023, she was ordered to pay \$56,000 in restitution. The U.S. Department of the Interior's Suspension and Debarment Official also issued a 3-year debarment on September 12, 2023.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the FWS Director.

