

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS
(Report No. I16-002)

DATE: October 26, 2015

TO: A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager

SUBJECT: Investigative Report:
Theft – Department of Dallas Water Utilities

This report provides results of an administrative review by the Office of the City Auditor (Office) of an allegation involving a Department of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) Technician of providing City of Dallas (City) parts without permission of the City.¹

In January 2015, DWU Management reported to the Office and to the Dallas Police Department-Public Integrity Unit (DPD-PIU) that they had obtained information implicating a DWU Technician in providing parts to a non-City employee who was illegally connecting DWU water service to non-paying DWU customers. The DPD-PIU determined the evidence was not sufficient to move forward with a criminal case and forwarded the complaint to the Office for administrative review.

The evidence implicated the Technician of providing DWU parts, such as brass elbows (a part used to reconnect water service) to the non-City employee illegally reconnecting water service. The Technician admitted giving brass elbows to the individual illegally connecting water service and stated he received beer in return for the DWU parts.

The evidence obtained is sufficient to support the finding that the Technician violated City Personnel Rules, specifically: dishonesty, theft, misconduct, and disregard of public trust.

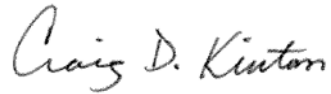
The DWU discharged this employee from employment effective October 13, 2015.

¹ City of Dallas' Administrative Directive 2-14: *Fraud, Waste and Abuse Procedures* directs the Office to report to the City Manager specified investigative audit findings.

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If you have any questions or would like to be briefed regarding this matter, please contact me at 214-670-3222 or Amy Messer, Assistant City Auditor, at 214-670-5347.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig D. Kinton".

Craig D. Kinton
City Auditor

C: Honorable Members of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee
Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney
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Jo M. Puckett, Director – Department of Dallas Water Utilities
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