

FY2021 Investigations

Case #	Source	Case Type	Nature of Allegation	Case Outcome	Case Disposition
21-0003	Anonymous	Government Activity	Contaminated buildings, poor air circulation and health hazards in County government buildings and employees should not be required to return to work (COVID)	Referred to OHRM	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0004	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Neighbor sprinkled rat poison on common areas as retaliation against neighbor	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0008	Citizen	Fraud	Individual collecting food stamps from two separate jurisdictions	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0009	Citizen	Government Activity	Requests appeal of Section 8 lease renewal/increase of rental payments	Referred to DHCD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0010	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Candidate for Mayor is contesting an election due to improper election procedure	Referred to Non-County	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0011	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Health care services leadership exposes workers unnecessarily to COVID through protocols	Reviewed by OEA	No action taken
21-0012	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	School Board member filed false police report against teenagers in community	Referred to PGCPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0013	Contractor	Government Activity	Negligence within DOE related to permitted stormwater requirements	Reviewed by OEA	Request rescinded
21-0014	Citizen	Fraud	Misappropriation of tax sale payments	Referred to Finance	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0017	Anonymous	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Son kidnapped and County/State officials are aware of his whereabouts	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0020	Citizen	Government Activity	Maryland Unemployment agency is not distributing all eligible funds to Citizen	Referred to Non-County	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0024	Citizen	Fraud	Online scam presenting as Secret Shopper	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0027	Citizen	Fraud	Fraudulent check received after mobile app transaction	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0028	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Child custody matter	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0029	Citizen	Fraud	Scam to gain bank account information	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0031	Citizen	Fraud	Medicare and food stamp (welfare) fraud	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0034	Citizen	Government Activity	Home invasion implicating a police officer	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0035	Citizen	Government Activity	Citizen required to pay two rental license fees in the	Referred to DPIE	Outside Scope of Ethics

			town and County jurisdictions		
21-0037	Citizen	Fraud	Citizen received call to gain last four digits of social security number	Referred to Non-County	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0038	Citizen	Fraud	Insurance fraud by autobody repair shop	Referred to PGPD Financial Crimes	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0041	Anonymous	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Dispute between citizen and local cemetery	Referred to MD Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0062	Citizen	Fraud	Construction company sent erroneous affidavits to State of MD	Referred to OCS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0066	Anonymous	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Local business holding large gatherings in violation of COVID 19 guidelines	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0071	Citizen	Fraud	Unauthorized inquiry on credit report by apartment complex	Referred to MD States Attorney and PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0072	Citizen	Fraud	Individual posing as Pepco employee to gain entry to home	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0077	Citizen	Government Activity	Wrongful parking citation by County parking enforcement officers	Referred to RVA	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0078	Anonymous	Fraud	Illegal subletting by tenants in public housing	Referred to DHCD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0194	Citizen	Fraud	Person posing as mold inspector	Referred to MD DLLR	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0197	Citizen	Government Activity	Police officer failed to issue police report after car accident	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0199	Anonymous	Fraud	Tax preparer stole portion of tax refund	Referred to PGPD Financial Crimes and MD Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0200	Citizen	Fraud	Loan company scam required citizen to withdraw and deposit funds on a card	Referred to PGPD Financial Crimes	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0201	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Racial discrimination by food establishment	Referred to CEX	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0205	Citizen	Abuse	Tenant threatened with eviction for not requesting County's rental assistance	Reviewed by OEA	No action taken
21-0212	Citizen	Fraud	Scam caller attempting to obtain financial information	Referred to MD Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0213	Citizen	Fraud	Person posing as Prince George's County tax collector to obtain funds	Referred to MD Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0215	Citizen	Fraud	Citizen purchased a vehicle from an unknown person and never received the vehicle	Referred to PGPD Financial Crimes	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0216	Citizen	Fraud	Family fraud charges related to estate	Referred to Non-County	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0218	Employee	Government	Political activity using	Reviewed by	No action taken

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21-0219	Citizen	Fraud	Social services & welfare scam	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0220	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Coronavirus exposure at a UPS facility	Referred to Non-County	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0223	Citizen	Fraud	Credit card theft and unemployment fraud	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0229	Citizen	Fraud	Theft from mailbox	Reviewed by OEA	Insufficient information
21-0230	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Citizen not hired at private business due to previous arrest history	Referred to MD Office of Fair Practices	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0234	Anonymous	Use of Resources	Employee using County resources for private events	Investigated by OEA	Insufficient information
21-0237	Anonymous	Fraud	Submission of false medical reports	Referred to MD Board of Physicians	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0240	Citizen	Fraud	Unemployment insurance fraud	Referred to MD Dept of Labor	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0241	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Victim assaulted by family member	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0242	Citizen	Fraud	Use of non-resident phone number by unknown person	Referred to telephone carrier	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0249	Citizen	Fraud	Use of phone number by non-County resident	Reviewed by OEA	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0251	Anonymous	Conflict of Interest	Employee/family of County contractor has oversight of contracts	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated
21-0259	Agency	Disclosure of Confidential Info / Solicitation	Improper solicitation of County vendor	Investigated by OOL/OEA	Substantiated
21-0261	Citizen	Fraud	Use of deceased spouse contact information	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0267	Citizen	Fraud	Social services & welfare benefits fraud	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0273	Citizen	Fraud	Theft of personal checks by domestic worker	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0282	Employee	Prestige of Office / Secondary Employment / Conflict of Interest	DPIE employee unreported secondary employment and reducing fees for business	Investigated by OEA	Substantiated
21-0284	Citizen	Fraud	Police officer overpaid himself in part time role	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0285	Agency	Government Activity	Violation of Open Meetings Act by PGC Board of Education	Referred to PGC School Board General Counsel	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0299	Board/ Commission	Government Activity	Member of City of Ethics Board using position to overturn decisions	Referred to MD State Prosecutor	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0301	Citizen	Abuse	Officer retaliation after denial to hire at property	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0303	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Restaurant operating without license to sell alcohol or health/safety permits	Referred to DPIE/PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics

21-0304	Citizen	Fraud	Attempt to wire money posing as Baltimore Gas & Electric inspector	Referred to Maryland Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0307	Citizen	Fraud	Welfare fraud	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0308	Citizen	Government Activity	Unapproved construction of Lounge in Bowie and lack of oversight	Reviewed by OEA-Inspector assigned by DPIE	No action taken
21-0309	Anonymous	Employee Relations	Inappropriate classification of Disability leave	Referred to OHRM	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0311	Employee	Government Activity	Unlawful fees assessed to assist residents in applying for Medicaid and food stamp assistance	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0312	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Custody matter pertaining to adolescent son	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0319	Citizen	Waste	Financial mismanagement and bullying of County municipal employees	Referred to SAO	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0324	Anonymous	Fraud	Fraudulent activity and potential theft by HOA board related to vendor management	Referred to SAO	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0332	Citizen	Fraud	Private seller on Facebook Messenger selling fake iPhones	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0333	Citizen	Government Activity	City Ethics Board member running for elected office while continuing in Board position	Referred to MD State Prosecutor	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0334	Anonymous	Government Activity	CEX halted distribution of vaccine against state equity plan	Referred to OHS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0336	Citizen	Fraud	Residential housing and welfare fraud	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0339	Citizen	Fraud	Puppy scam by online merchant	Referred to MD Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0342	Citizen	Prestige of Office	Councilmember endorsed a candidate for local office in private listserv	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated
21-0346	Employee	Employee Relations	retaliation by agency management and human resources department	Referred to OHRM	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0347	Anonymous	Procurement	Executive Leadership issued contract to vendor without obtaining other bids	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated
21-0358	Citizen	Non-County Govt or Non-Ethics	Work not performed by contractor	Referred to MD Home Improvement Commission	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0367	Anonymous	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Landlord threats and harassment made to tenant for rent owed	Referred to PGPD and MD Landlord Tenant Court	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0371	Anonymous	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Reckless driving in a County vehicle	Referred to Memorial Library	Outside Scope of Ethics

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21-0373	Employee	Employee Relations	Written reprimand for work performed by previous staff	Referred to OHRM	No action taken
21-0387	Employee	Abuse	Police officer abused position by obstructing fire rescue effort	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0395	Employee	Conflict of Interest	Councilmember financial interest in entities that come before the Council	Investigated by OEA	Substantiated
21-0396	Anonymous	Government Activity	Mismanagement of public health crisis for political reasons	Referred to OHRM	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0400	Citizen	Abuse	Racial discrimination, increase of business rent, and threats of eviction amid Covid-19	Referred to MD Landlord Tenant Court	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0402	Anonymous	Procurement	Mismanagement and conflicts related to County's Stand Up & Deliver Program	Investigated by OEA	Unsubstantiated
21-0403	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Assault and harassment by police officers after reporting crime	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0404	Anonymous	Fraud	Money laundering scheme by owner of nursing school	Referred to SAO	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0408	Anonymous	Fraud	Homeowner operating non-licensed and non-registered hair salon in home	Referred to DPIE	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0413	Citizen	Abuse	Whistleblower retaliation by police officer after filing ethics complaint	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0414	Citizen	Fraud	Medicaid fraud by substance abuse treatment provider	Referred to MD Attorney General	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0420	Anonymous	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Tenants operating an unregistered restaurant in home	Referred to DPIE	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0421	Citizen	Illegal Activity / Misconduct	Vehicle theft from residential property	Referred to PGPD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0424	Employee	Employee Relations	Employee clarification regarding shift hour changes by management	Referred to DPWT	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0425	Anonymous	Fraud	Social service recipients engaged in criminal activity	Referred to DSS	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0428	Citizen	Government Activity	Lack of assistance for homeless relief	Referred to DHCD	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0429	Citizen	Fraud	Excessive and Unwarranted issuance of tickets by Police Officer	Referred to District Heights Police Department	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0430	Citizen	Government Activity	Retaining wall permit violation	Referred to DPIE	Outside Scope of Ethics
21-0432	Citizen	Fraud	Submission of fraudulent unemployment claim using citizen's address	Referred to PGPD and MDOL	Outside Scope of Ethics