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Contract Federal Security Guard Pleads Guilty to Fraud Related to the Illegal Use of a Government Issued Credit Card

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on December 3, 2004, John James Garland, Security Guard, DECO Security of Roanoke, VA, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Roanoke, VA, to a one count criminal information charging him with access device fraud (18 U.S.C. 1029) in connection with his illegal use of a Government Fleet credit card.

The information specifically charged that, on or about January 2004, Garland used a stolen Government Fleet credit card to purchase gasoline, automotive parts and food for his personal use and consumption in excess of \$10,000. The Government Fleet card program is administered by the General Services Administration (GSA) and provides for the maintenance of Government owned and leased vehicles and is to be used only by authorized Government employees.

On October 7, 2004, a federal grand jury had indicted Garland on one charge of access device fraud, and he was subsequently arrested. This investigation was conducted by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (the criminal investigative arm of the OIG, DoD) and the GSA OIG. Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Jacobsen, U.S. Attorney's Office, Roanoke, VA, handled the prosecution of this case.

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