



Office of the Inspector General Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Boston Fire Department District Chief Sentenced, February 2016

On February 9, 2016, a Suffolk County Superior Court jury convicted Edward A. Scigliano IV, a District Chief for the Boston Fire Department, of five counts of procurement fraud and five counts of larceny. Following a two-week trial, the jury found that Scigliano, 46, of Kingston, had directed two separate schemes to enrich himself by diverting \$49,000 in funds that two Boston Fire Department vendors owed the city of Boston.

The OIG and the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Division jointly conducted the initial investigation. The investigation found that between 2008 and 2011 Scigliano had personally profited from schemes involving two vendors. In one scheme, Scigliano used his position as the principal contact between the fire department and Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, Inc., a vendor of fire trucks. Scigliano told Greenwood to issue more than \$32,000 in checks to his personal credit cards. The \$32,000 came from credit balances the vendor owed the city of Boston relating to purchases of firefighting apparatus. Scigliano falsely represented that the Fire Commissioner had authorized the vendor to make the payments directly to him.

In the second scheme, Scigliano directed another Boston Fire Department vendor, Northeast Rescue Systems, Inc., to "swap" certain items out of purchase orders and replace them with items for Scigliano's personal use. The personal items, which were worth roughly \$17,000, included a 52-inch high-definition television, an elliptical exercise machine, a gas grill, a living room set and gift cards at two home improvement stores.

The case was prosecuted by the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and investigated by the OIG, the AGO's Financial Investigations Division, the State Police, and the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Division.

On February 25, 2016, Superior Court Judge Christopher J. Muse sentenced Scigliano to three years of probation and 750 hours of community service. Scigliano also was ordered to pay restitution to the city of Boston.

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For additional information about the case, see the Attorney General's press release at [Former Boston Fire Department District Chief Sentenced for Procurement Fraud, Larceny](#).