



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION INDICTMENT & ARREST SUMMARY

On Sept. 17, 2024, inspectors general with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) arrested a former administrative assistant Demetercia Lorrain Stafford, 38, aka Demetercia Tubbs or Demetercia Callum, following an indictment by a Harris County Grand Jury for theft by a public servant. The offense is a 3rd degree felony under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 31.03, punishable up to a \$10,000 fine and imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of up to 10 years. On Sept. 6, 2024, a grand jury returned with a true-bill indictment on Stafford for said offense. This case is being prosecuted by the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

This arrest emanated from an investigation conducted by the OIG in July 2022 regarding incidents between September 2021 and July 2022. Stafford, while employed with TJJD, initiated agency purchase orders for Amazon gift cards and then used the gift cards for personal purchases. In addition, Stafford utilized an agency vehicle fleet credit card to pay for fuel, maintenance, and repairs on her personal vehicle. Stafford is alleged to have misused approximately \$22,000.00 in state funds.

The Office of Inspector General is the independent law enforcement agency that is statutorily responsible for investigating criminal allegations involving TJJD juveniles, TJJD employees, TJJD facilities, contractors, or programs of the Texas juvenile justice system. Anyone can report allegations of misconduct to the Incident Reporting Center by emailing a complaint to TJJD.IRC@tjtd.texas.gov, or by calling a 24-hour-a-day toll free hotline 1-866-477-8354. Historical TJJD incident data can be found on the [Open Data Portal of Texas.gov](https://www.open.texas.gov/).



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