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Former Architect of the Capitol Employee Pleads Guilty to Theft of Government Property

From the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Office of Inspector General (OIG)

On February 18, 2025, former Electrician Supervisor for the AOC, Eric Cavalier, plead guilty to 1 count of 18 U.S. Code § 641 Public money, property, or records, and agreed to repay the AOC full restitution in the amount of \$73,298.50 for knowingly and unlawfully misappropriating government property. Cavalier's formal sentencing is scheduled for March 12, 2025, in the District of Maryland.

According to the factual statement in support of the guilty plea, from 2015 to 2023, Cavalier unlawfully took copper wire and other materials from the AOC and sold them to scrap metal facilities in Maryland and Virginia for personal profit.

The investigation identified 83 separate transactions, with the majority taking place between 2020 and 2023. Cavalier resigned from the AOC prior to the investigation's completion.

The investigation was conducted by the OIG, in conjunction with the Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO).

The OIG remains committed to providing independent and objective oversight to ensure the AOC fulfills its mission and responsibilities effectively, efficiently and ethically. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the CCSO and the United States Attorney's Office – Southern Division, District of Maryland for their professionalism, assistance and coordination.

A full summary providing greater detail into the investigation can be found at [Oversight.gov](https://oversight.gov)