



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I12020006

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NSF OIG opened this investigation based on information that equipment¹ was stolen from a NSF-supported research facility² operated by a University.³ The facility manager reported the theft to the local sheriff's office.⁴ A detective from the local sheriff's office conducted an investigation and determined that a former employee⁵ of the facility had stolen the equipment.

A local prosecutor handled the matter in state court.⁶ The former employee pled "no contest" to two counts of Simple Burglary and one count of Theft of \$1,500 or more. He was found guilty and sentenced to 10 years confinement (suspended), 5 years of probation, and ordered to pay restitution⁷ to the University.

Based upon NSF OIG's recommendation, NSF debarred the individual for three years.

No further investigative activity is warranted. This investigation is **closed**.

