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Housing Authority Executive Director Sentenced for Embezzlement

In a [press release](#) issued on April 16, HUD’s Office of Inspector General ([OIG](#)) announced that the former executive director of a federally funded housing authority in Idaho has been sentenced to five years of probation for embezzling over \$129,000 in federal funds.

Between 2019 and 2023, the executive director, who was responsible for paying bills, purchasing supplies, collecting rent, and managing bank accounts, used the agency’s credit cards for unauthorized personal expenses, including meals, travel, utilities, retail purchases, and medical costs. To conceal the embezzlement, he wrote fictitious checks to vendors and entered the checks into the housing authority’s internal accounting system.

According to HUD OIG Special Agent in Charge Machele Jindra, the former executive director “deliberately orchestrated a fraudulent scheme to embezzle more than \$125,000 in federal funds designated to provide housing assistance for elderly and disabled residents... The theft was especially harmful given the limited resources available to support the community.”

In addition to probation, the court ordered restitution of over \$79,000 and imposed eight months of home detention.



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