

1. In my original OSC-12 dated 05/04/2017, I specifically asked why there was no evidence that OSC File Number DI-14-4602 (if incorrect, whatever file number the investigation that I participated in regarding gross larceny and fraud) had occurred after I used FOIA channels to request all info regarding any investigation into misconduct by Heather Garneau, Dennis Garneau, and New Earth Creations that I had been deposed about. Both the VA OIG and VISN 1 said there was no record of said investigation available. My primary concerns were that then director Christine Croteau had killed the investigation once complete and nothing was done to an employee who had committed massive Fraud, Waste and Abuse.
2. Upon review of the report of the OSC DI-17-3402 I do see what I think is the investigation mentioned (OSC File Number DI-14-4602) and that more than 2 years after the fact the employee did receive minor discipline, but it still does not answer the question as to why the original investigation was quashed in the first place, and where the documentation of that investigation is, as I would like to see it firsthand. The **Executive Summary** mentions the original VA OPL investigation and states it was 'closed' by OSC in December 2015, and that it was closed by OSC as 'the allegations were subject to an ongoing criminal investigation by VA's Office of Inspector General'. If the OSC had knowledge of this investigation would it not have been available to anyone requesting it under the Freedom of Information Act, and if so, why was my original FOIA request for this information not fulfilled? I would also like to know if the criminal investigation by VAOIG is still ongoing, and if not, where is the documentation that I requested both as a part of my complaint and my initial request under FOIA.
3. I completely agree with the investigator's findings that Ms. Garneau was not purchasing or doing work orders for Engineering Service as I never stated such, this may be from another whistleblower involved in this case. My concern was with her assisting other services (EMS) in processing contract paperwork. I agree with the statements that I know there was no family involvement with this particular contract and stated that to the investigator. However, review of any document in this facility regarding the matter would not have turned up any evidence of her purchasing as she was doing the work for Steve Cogliano, Facility Management Services so her name would not show on any documentation. I was in the room at the Women's Health Committee Meeting when Ms. Garneau was lauded for 'all her help and assistance to Steve' although she was not present at this meeting. That leads me to believe that either she was lying to the parties involved regarding her assistance on the project or Mr. Cogliano left out this important detail.