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The MSPAC Flying Pigs raise more than \$11,000 in support of Special Olympic Maryland during the Polar Bear Plunge.

## Maryland State Police Take The Plunge In Support Of Special Olympics MD

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) — For the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Department was proud to be the presenting law enforcement agency of the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics. The goal of the Plunge is to raise funds to support Special Olympics Maryland, which provides year-round sports training and competition free-of-charge to children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Due to the generosity of Marylanders who donated and the courage of those who agreed to jump into the cold waters of the Chesapeake Bay at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, more than \$3.1 million were raised for Special Olympics Maryland.

Corporal Jeff Kelly, of the MSP Aviation Command "Flying Pigs" team was the top individual performer. He raised almost \$9,600.

The MSPAC "Flying Pigs" team raised more than \$11,300 and was the fifth highest fundraising team of all that participated.

The Maryland State Police Training Academy trooper candidates set the standard for fundraising and participation in the Plunge. Class 153 won the top police academy fundraising award for raising \$16,000. The trooper candidates in Class 154 raised more than \$10,000.

The Plunge would not happen without the safety and logistics help provided by a number of state and county agencies, including the Maryland State Police, Maryland Natural Resources Police, Maryland Park Service, MDOT State Highway Administration, Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Johns Hopkins Department of Emergency Medicine and many others.



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## PHOTOS: 2022 MSP Polar Bear Plunge



Gov. Larry Hogan was on hand to offer support to Special Olympics Maryland.



The Polar Bear Plunge returned to an in-person event in 2022 after being virtual only last year.



Trooper Candidate Class 154 raised nearly \$10,000 in support of Special Olympics Maryland.



Maryland State Police-sponsored teams raised more than \$50,000 for the Polar Bear Plunge.



Trooper Candidate Class 153 raised \$16,000 in support of Special Olympics Maryland.

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## 25 Years Later: Retired Trooper Reflects On Time As MSP's First Female Motor Officer

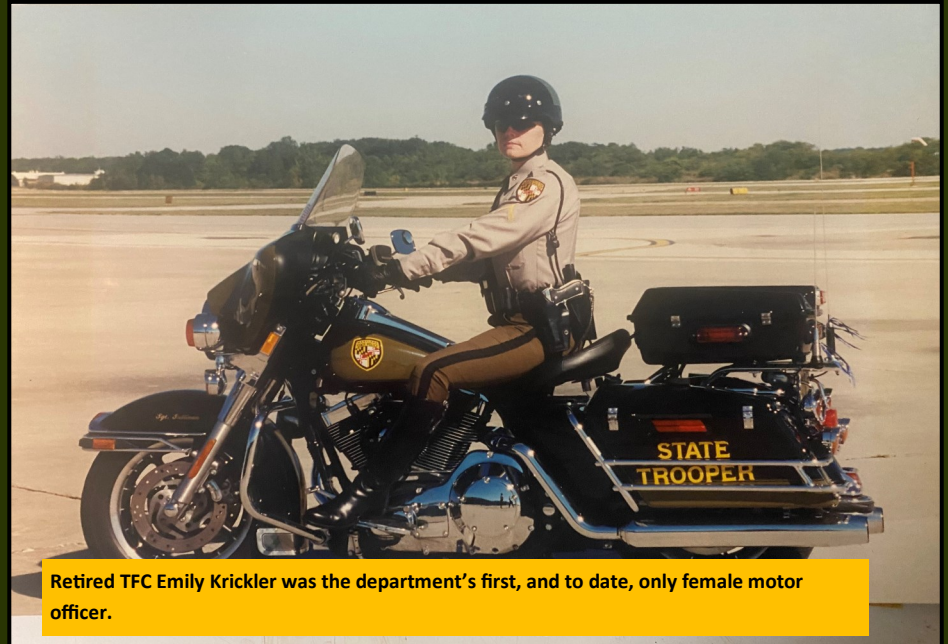
Emily Krickler did not realize she would soon be a part of Maryland State Police history when she graduated as part of the 109<sup>th</sup> Trooper Candidate Class on July 21, 1997.

Her initial motivation was to follow the path of a mentor, who was also a trooper and encouraged her to apply for the Academy as soon as she was old enough to do so.

Krickler also wanted to join the Maryland State Police for the significant sense of pride that came with joining the ranks of Maryland's Finest.

When asked, then-Trooper First Class Krickler did not feel she could pick the one best thing about being a trooper, however she said it was filled with joy, challenges, and of course success. At the end of the day when her uniform came off, she knew she did the best she could to uphold the oath she took at graduation, to protect and serve.

However, if she had to pick one significant piece about being a State Trooper, it was the sense of pride wearing the uniform and what it stood for. She felt when the badge was pinned on her at graduation, she took on a greater sense of responsibility that the people entrusted in her to serve



Retired TFC Emily Krickler was the department's first, and to date, only female motor officer.

and protect them. This was a role she did not take lightly and wanted to fulfill that promise to the citizens of Maryland and others until she retired.

Krickler also grew up riding motorcycles and loved every minute of it. This love began when she rode on the back of her dad's Harley Davidson to preschool, and she never looked back.

It was that love of motorcycles that pushed her to want to eventually join the MSP Motor Unit. That was a goal she strived for from the first day she entered the Academy. The MSP Motor Unit was viewed as the most elite

of the Motor Units and when she was pinned with her Wings, "it brought a feeling like no other."

The process of getting on the Motor Unit was very challenging. In order to get accepted into the MSP Motor Unit Basic School, she had to pass a wide range of proficiency evaluations that included several different riding course exercises.

The process is very rigorous and leaves little room for failure. Of the 10 candidates in her class, she was the only one to pass. This was only the first part of a two-part program.

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The second part of the Motor Unit School, was a two-week program that consisted of exercises and classroom. This also had a high failure rate, she was one out of seven to pass in the 15-member class.

Once Krickler graduated, history was made, as she became the first female motor officer in Maryland State Police history.



To date, she remains the only female to accomplish that feat. During her time with the unit, she was afforded many opportunities to work alongside a variety of other motor unit agencies not only for assignments, but for escorts as well.

This includes serving as an escort for local dignitaries, funerals, military personnel, sports teams and charity events



are to name a few.

Even being the only female on the unit, she did not view herself any different than her male counterparts as she experienced the same rigorous training as any other trooper.

The program is well respected throughout the country and she proved she had what it takes, just like her male counterparts.

Since retiring from Maryland State Police in 2005, Krickler graduated from University Maryland Global Campus with an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a minor in

psychology. She also learned a new trade as a motorcycle technician for Harley Davidson. She then went back to work for a time as a civilian for the Maryland State Police Training Commission, where she worked as an Academy Instructor.

Currently, her favorite job, along with her wife, Sarah, is being a mom of two girls, Sophia (5) and Lillian (3). As they get older, her daughters will know they can have the chance to make history themselves just like their mother.





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## Q&A With Crime Scene Technician II Rebecca Roher

*Was Recently Named Forensic Sciences Division's Employee of the Year*

**1) What is your job title? What do you do in your position? How long have you been with MSP?**

My job title is Crime Scene Technician II. My job is to analyze crime scenes to make sure all evidence is identified, collected, recorded and preserved for further analysis at the lab. I assist the barracks in transport of evidence to the lab for analysis, and also assist allied agencies with processing of a crime scene. I started working for MSP in May 2018 in the Central Receiving Unit in the Pikesville Laboratory. I switched to be a Crime Scene Technician in December of 2019.

**2) What interested you in becoming a crime scene analyst? How did you end up in this job/field?**

I became interested in becoming a crime scene technician when I was in middle school. I have always been a huge fan of crime TV shows. I went to college thinking I wanted to be a forensic chemist, however, I soon learned that I wasn't the greatest at chemistry. I switched majors to criminal justice after my first semester at York College of Pennsylvania. I knew that I was

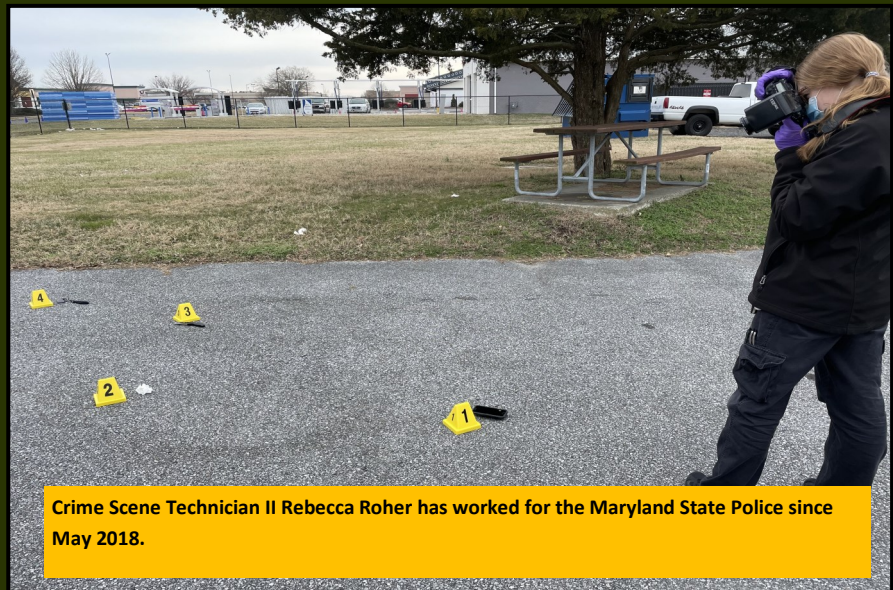
in the right major after my second semester of classes. In my senior year, I took a crime scene processing class that I enjoyed so much that I knew this was something I wanted to do as a career.

I ended up in this job a couple of years after college from applying to try and get a job in law enforcement. I applied for the position of Forensic Inventory Control Officer and got the job working in the Central Receiving Unit in the Pikesville Laboratory. When I found out there was going to be an opening for Crime Scene, I knew this was my shot to get my

foot in the door for the career I wanted to pursue.

**3.) How does your role impact the work of a Maryland State Trooper?**

Maryland State Troopers rely on crime scene technicians to accurately and efficiently document and process evidence from crime scenes. My role allows troopers to continue to serve and protect our communities while crime scene technicians are delegated to collecting the facts at the crime scenes.



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### 4.) What brings you the most satisfaction in your role as a crime scene analyst at MSP?

It is very gratifying to know that I played a role in helping solve a crime that was committed against another person.

### 5.) What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part of my job is my sleep schedule. I have been very busy lately so sometimes my sleep schedule is all over the place. I like being busy in this job because it allows me to gain more experience to further my career.

### 6.) As a woman, in what most people probably think is a male dominated field, comment on

### what it is like to work in a male dominated police agency?

Believe it or not, the Crime Scene Section is a mostly female division. Also, a majority of the Forensic Science Division is female. I think it helps balance out the agency. I do think there needs to be more female troopers in the agency.

### 7.) For young girls who are still trying to figure out a career path, what would you say to 'sell them' on a career in science or even law enforcement in today's world?

I would tell them not to give up on their dreams of pursuing a career in law enforcement. Just because people will tell you that it is a male's job doesn't mean that a female can't be just as good at it.

And for the young girls that are interested in science, stick with it because we need more females in science.

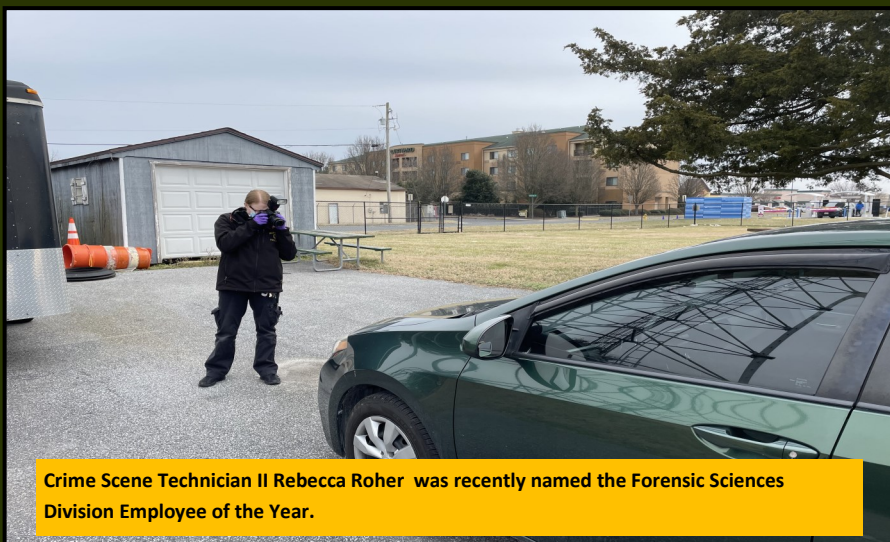
### 8) How do you keep your emotions out of your work? It has to be tough when you are on a scene where death has occurred, especially preventable deaths?

I try to not relate the crime scenes to personal experiences. I have to remain unbiased at all times on scene. When necessary, I rely on my coworkers to talk about my emotions for crime scenes that may be hard to process.

### 9) What was it like to find out you were chosen as the Employee of the Year at FSD?

I was shocked that I was chosen for this award because it was very unexpected. I am very appreciative of this award because it shows that all my hard work has not gone unnoticed in the eyes of upper management but also with the people I work really closely with in the department.

I was shocked when Dan Katz read some of the technician evaluations from various people in MSP and also some that allied agencies had written about my hard work.



Crime Scene Technician II Rebecca Roher was recently named the Forensic Sciences Division Employee of the Year.





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## PHOTOS: MSP Celebrates Women's History Month



PCS Angela Cannady-Proctor, who served 7 1/2 years in the Navy, has worked for Maryland State Police for 34 years.



Kristine Yaroschuk became the first female pilot in the Aviation Command 14 years ago.



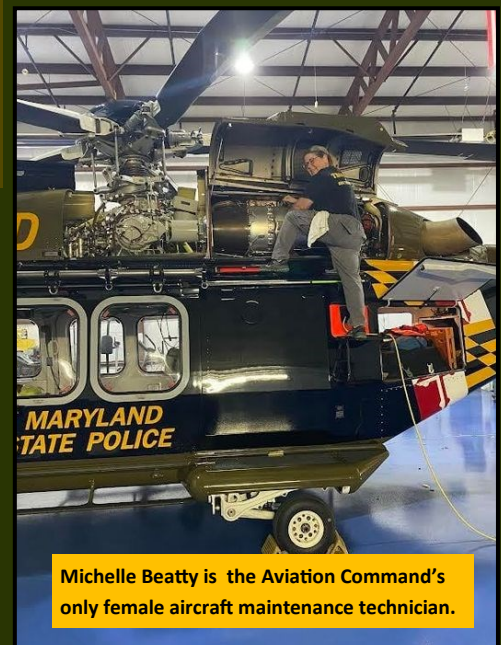
Trooper Eichelberger is a flight paramedic currently assigned to Trooper 7 in St. Mary's County.



It has been 48 years since the first six female trooper candidate graduated from the Maryland State Police Academy. In the decades since, women — both sworn and civilian — have played a huge role in the department's mission. Here are just a few of those women making a difference today.



TFC Ashley Sabock, who is also a volunteer firefighter, has spent her entire 5-year MSP career at the La Plata Barrack.



Michelle Beatty is the Aviation Command's only female aircraft maintenance technician.



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## Annapolis Barrack Recognizes APD Officer For Offering Spanish Translating Services

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) — Maryland State Police work with allied law enforcement agencies on a regular basis.

This may include everything from patrolling state roads to serving warrants to public outreach. An officer with the Annapolis Police Department has recently taken that level of cooperation to a new level.

On many occasions, Annapolis Police Officer Gustavo Martinez has responded to assist the troopers at the Maryland State Police Annapolis Barrack with translating services.



Officer Martinez speaks fluent Spanish, and he is a welcomed sight to the troopers who are on DUI stops, serious vehicle crashes and other calls for service where his language skills are necessary.

In addition to his timely response, Officer Martinez has a very



Annapolis Police Officer Gustavo Martinez with Sgt. Mujaihid Jones and TFC Erin Lowe with his Certificate of Appreciation.

positive and welcoming attitude and always has a smile on his face. He is always well equipped with note taking material and recording devices when translating for DUI cases. He gladly responds to the Annapolis Barrack to complete language translation for the intoximeter test. Officer Martinez represents his agency very well.

Maryland State Police recently had the chance to thank Officer Martinez for his assistance. On Feb. 18, troopers requested Officer Martinez to respond to

the Annapolis Barrack to assist them with some paperwork.

When Officer Martinez arrived, he was greeted by Sgt.. Mujaihid Jones, Trooper First Class Erin Lowe and Trooper First Class Kyle Jeans, who presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation and an Annapolis Barrack Challenge Coin.

This work is just a prime example of what positive outcomes are possible when people work together.



Annapolis Police Officer Gustavo Martinez with TFC Kyle Jeans.





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## MSP Arrests Suspect In 2010

### Wicomico County Cold Case Homicide

(HEBRON, MD) – Maryland State Police arrested a man who was recently indicted on charges connected to the 2010 murder of a man in Wicomico County.

The suspect, Ryan Joseph Ellis, 32, of Princess Anne, Maryland, was indicted by the Wicomico County Grand Jury on charges of first-degree murder and second-degree murder. Troopers arrested

Ellis on March 7 at his residence. He was transported to the Wicomico County Detention Center, where he is being held without bond.

According to investigators, troopers responded at 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 17, 2010 to a residence in the 27200 block of Ocean Gateway in Hebron, Maryland for a report of a shooting. Troopers located the

victim, Preston Hylan Morehouse, 20, of Melbourne, Florida shot just inside the front door of the residence. He was declared deceased at the scene.

Maryland State Police homicide detectives took over the investigation of the case. Through their investigation, detectives identified Ellis as a suspect.

### Traffic Stops Leads To Drug Arrests In Anne Arundel Co.

(MILLERSVILLE, MD) – Maryland State Police arrested two people on drug charges following a traffic stop early in the morning of March 2 in Anne Arundel County.

Clint Christopher Whaul, 39, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Leanna Lyn Baker, 32, of Dundalk, Maryland, are both charged with possession of drugs with intent to distribute. They were arrested and transported to the Anne Arundel County Detention Center.

Shortly after 12:10 a.m. on March 2, a trooper from the Maryland State Police Glen Burnie Barrack conducted a traffic stop on a Toyota on Interstate 97 South at Benfield Boulevard in Millersville, Maryland.

According to a preliminary investigation, the trooper discovered that Baker had four outstanding arrest warrants for drug charges.

A search of the Toyota uncovered 11.2 grams of heroin, 41.8 grams of



crack cocaine, 48 Xanax pills, additional drug paraphernalia and money. Both suspects were taken into custody

without incident for processing.

The investigation is continuing.



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## MSP Warns Residents Of ‘Grandparent Scams’

(CUMBERLAND, MD) –

Maryland State Police are investigating multiple thefts from senior citizens who have been scammed into giving away thousands of dollars after being convinced their grandchildren needed money to be bailed out of jail.

The Maryland State Police Cumberland Barrack has received two reports of this scam between Feb. 3 and 23. In these cases, the scammers stole \$9,200 and \$15,000, respectively from their victims.

Commonly called the “Grandparent Scam,” the cases are similar to many that have been reported in other parts of Maryland and across the country in recent months. In each case, the suspects call a senior citizen and claim to be one of their grandchildren who have been involved in a car crash or some other legal trouble and were arrested. The person on the phone provides the victim with a phone number for an attorney and asks the victim to contact them.

The person posing as a lawyer convinces the victims that their respective grandchildren need a large sum of money – all in cash – to be bailed out of jail. Once the victims went to the bank to withdraw the funds, the suspect or

a co-conspirator physically went to the victims’ homes to pick up the money.

In both Cumberland cases, the suspect pretending to be the lawyer called back and told them they needed more money to help their grandchild out of their legal troubles. Both victims realized they were being scammed before turning over any additional money.

Law enforcement and/or judicial personnel will never come to your house in order to collect bail money. According to the Federal Trade Commission, there are several steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim of this scam:



- **Resist the urge to act immediately** – no matter how dramatic the story is.
- **Verify the caller’s identity.** Ask questions that a stranger couldn’t possibly answer. Call a phone number for your family member or friend that you know to be genuine.
- Check the story out with someone else in your family or circle of friends, even if you’ve been told to keep it a secret.
- **Don’t send cash, gift cards, or money transfers** – once the scammer gets the money, it’s gone!  
Anyone with information on these cases, or similar cases is asked to call your local Maryland State Police barrack.





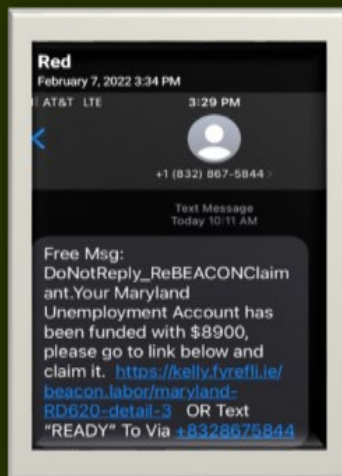
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## MSP, Dept. Of Labor Warn Of Rise In Unemployment Insurance Scams

(BALTIMORE) – The Maryland State Police and the Maryland Department of Labor Unemployment Division are tracking and combating illegal schemes wherein fraudsters are impersonating the Division in email correspondence, text messages and phone calls with the intent of stealing unemployment insurance benefits.

The Department of Labor is coordinating with Maryland State Police to alert the public about these ongoing and evolving fraud scams.

- Unemployment Insurance fraud is a nationwide challenge that federal and state law enforcement agencies across the country are continuing to combat.

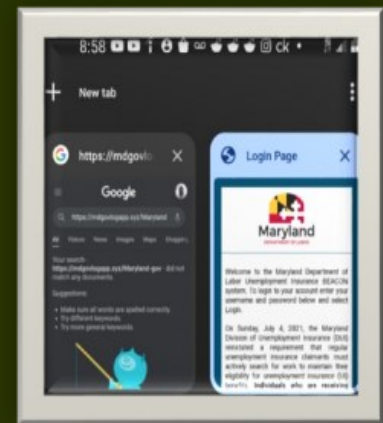


- The latest scheme is to ask legitimate claimants to enter their user ID and password onto fake websites wherein fraudsters then capture the data and use it to steal unemployment benefits.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Maryland Department of Labor has flagged nearly 1.8 million claimants – and 2.3 million total claims – as potentially fraudulent.
- If you receive an email or text message that appears to be from the Maryland Department of Labor **DO NOT click on any links** in the correspondence.

### How to Protect Yourself From Unemployment Insurance Fraud Scams

To help you distinguish between legitimate assistance from Division staff and fraudulent assistance from a potential scammer, please remember the following:

- Division does not provide assistance through text message and will not send any links asking a claimant to verify their account through text.
- Division will never request or require payment for assistance with unemployment insurance.
- Division staff will not provide assistance to claimants through



direct message on social media. Do not provide any sensitive information related to your Maryland unemployment insurance claim by e-mail unless it is to a @maryland.gov e-mail address.

### Report Fraud Scams

If you believe that your information has been used to fraudulently file an unemployment insurance claim, please contact the Maryland Department of Labor's Division of Unemployment Insurance by visiting [MDunemployment.com](https://MDunemployment.com) or e-mailing [ui.fraud@maryland.gov](mailto:ui.fraud@maryland.gov). Suspected unemployment insurance fraud should also be reported to the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General Hotline by visiting the [website](https://www.dhs.gov/office-of-inspector-general) or calling 1-800-347-3756.

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