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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We received an allegation that a senior scientist and a department chair both charged expenses to a PI's award that were not related to the award or had not yet been incurred, without permission from either the university's sponsored research office or the PI. The acts allegedly occurred prior to the award's transfer to a different institution. Documentary evidence substantiated the allegations. We subsequently learned the mischarged expenses were removed from the award prior to our involvement.

We sent the senior scientist and the department chair each a letter reminding them of their responsibilities regarding proper stewardship of NSF funds. We also sent a referral to the university's internal audit department, recommending it review the senior scientist's other NSF awards for similar behavior.

Accordingly, this case is closed with no further action taken.