

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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A federal agency notified us of allegations that a principal investigator (PI), who was also a full-time university professor, had provided false statements to NSF by intentionally omitting information from their award's Current and Pending Support disclosure.

This allegation was investigated, and the PI was indicted on seven counts related to fraud and false statements. A jury found the PI guilty on four counts and the PI was sentenced to one-year probation and \$1,000 in penalties. NSF suspended, and ultimately closed, the award on which the false statements were made. Based on our recommendation, NSF debarred the PI government-wide for 3-years.

This case has been *closed* and no further action will be taken.