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Hotline Call Results in Punishment for Navy Seabees Implicated in the Sale of Government-Owned Tools and HMMVV Vehicle Parts on eBay

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD) announced today that, based on allegations received by the Defense Hotline, an investigation determined that Navy Seabees sold government-owned tools and parts on eBay.

The anonymous source identified a petty officer second class as being involved. During the course of the investigation federal search warrants were executed at residences in Riverside County and San Diego County, California. Several sailors were identified as co-subjects and interviewed, resulting in five confessions and the recovery of MAC Tools valued at \$5,000.00. Further investigation disclosed three additional sailors involved in the forgery of open purchase requests and purchasing items for personal gain. The estimated loss to the government totaled \$178,602.81 in HMMVV parts, MAC Tools and Snap-on Tools.

A total of seven Navy petty officers were either courts martialled or accepted non-judicial punishment. Punishments included imprisonment, fines, reduction in grades and several bad conduct discharges.

The investigation was conducted by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, with oversight provided by the Naval Inspector General and the OIG, DoD.

To report suspected fraud, waste and abuse within DOD programs, contact the Defense Hotline toll-free at (800) 424-9098, email: hotline@dodig.osd.mil/, or visit them on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dodig.osd.mil/hotline/>.

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