




**MEMORANDUM  
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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**To:** Angela Hurlock, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners  
Matthew Brewer, Vice Chairperson, Finance and Audit Committee  
Tracey Scott, Chief Executive Officer  
Cheryl Burns, Chief Housing Choice Voucher Officer  
Eric Garrett, Chief Property and Asset Management Officer  
LaRue Little, Deputy Chief, Office of General Counsel

**From:** Kathryn B. Richards, Inspector General 

**Date:** June 03, 2022

**Subject:** Significant OIG Activity – Conviction and Sentencing of Agwu Mong

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On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, Agwu Mong, a former CHA public housing participant, pleaded guilty to one count of Felony Theft and one count of Forgery in the Circuit Court of Cook County, relative to a scheme to defraud the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). The Honorable Judge Maria Kuriakos Ciesil sentenced Mong to serve two years of probation and to pay restitution to the CHA in the amount of \$40,000.

Mong was a CHA leaseholder at the CHA's Altgeld Gardens / Phillip Murray development from January 2010 until he was evicted in September 2016. The CHA OIG's investigation revealed that during the time Mong was a CHA leaseholder, he concealed the fact that he was also the owner of a multi-unit, residential property located in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago, for which he was receiving rental income. In addition, Mong did not actually reside in his CHA unit at Altgeld Gardens and instead used it as a source of income by renting it to multiple sub-leaseholders.

Mong had been charged on August 6, 2019, with Felony Theft and multiple counts of Forgery. The matter was prosecuted by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Public Corruption / Financial Crimes Unit. Senior Investigator Justin King handled the case for the CHA's OIG.

Mong was evicted from the CHA public housing unit in September 2016 but has been a CHA Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) landlord for multiple properties at various times under the vendor names Agwu Mong and Mong Properties Inc. Mong is currently receiving one Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) for a unit located at \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago, IL, using his partner, \_\_\_\_\_, as the authorized manager. The OIG is referring this additional finding to the HCV department for appropriate administrative action.

The OIG will work with the CHA's Office of General Counsel to ensure Mong's Order of Restitution is enforced through either Probation Services or a filing with the Circuit Court for civil enforcement in accordance with 730 ILCS 5/5-5-6(m). The CHA OIG has closed this matter as sustained.