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Former U.S. Office of Personnel Management Employee Sentenced for Conflict of Interest Violation

WASHINGTON - Sheron Spann, 54, of Washington, D.C, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court to 24 months of probation, a \$10,000 fine, and \$100 Special Assessment for steering government contracts to companies under her control and the control of her spouse. She was sentenced by the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth.

The announcement was made by Conrad J. Quarles, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (DAIGI) at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Starting as early as 2011, Spann, a former OPM employee, began to steer OPM information technology contracts to companies under control of Spann and her husband without disclosing the nature or extent of her relationship to the companies. In sum, companies associated with Spann or her husband received over \$10 million from OPM.

On May 19, 2023, Spann pleaded guilty to one felony count of taking acts affecting a personal financial interest. In announcing today's sentence, DAIGI Quarles commended the diligent work of investigators at the OPM OIG and the FBI's Washington Field Office. "When Federal employees use their official roles to enrich themselves it breaks the public's trust in our Government," said DAIGI Quarles. "I applaud the OIG's investigative staff and our partners at the Department of Justice for their hard work."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Aloi, with assistance from former Assistant U.S. Attorney Molly Gaston.