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#### **OIG Finds Opportunities for MCPD to Strengthen Automated Speed Enforcement Program**

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, *Review of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit's Oversight of Speed Camera Functionality*, OIG Publication #25-07, detailing the results of the OIG's review of the Montgomery County Police Department's (MCPD) oversight of billing activity associated with speed cameras operated as part of MCPD's automated speed enforcement program. This review was predicated on findings from a FY 2024 OIG audit of MCPD, *OIG Publication 24-09*, which evaluated the oversight and processing of billings associated with the deployment of red-light cameras. In the FY 2024 audit the OIG noted that MCPD was not confirming the accuracy of invoices prior to payment and lacked essential policies.

Through this review, the OIG again found that MCPD was not consistently confirming the accuracy of invoices prior to paying them and did not have written policies and procedures governing key aspects of their processes. The OIG also found that MCPD was not monitoring contractor performance metrics that are outlined in their contract.

MCPD's Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit (ATEU) manages MCPD's automated speed enforcement program through the use of a contractor. The contractor is responsible for the collection of all fines, waiving penalties at the County's direction, tracking payments from violators, and providing MCPD with the functionality to query and download reports from the contractor's system. In CY 2023, the County paid the contractor \$5,832,170 for operating costs related to over 90 speed cameras placed throughout the County.

The OIG report details 3 findings and 3 associated recommendations aimed at strengthening enforcement, increasing oversight, and developing policies and procedures for more effective management of MCPD's automated speed enforcement program.

The full report can be found at

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OIG/Resources/Files/PDF/IGActivity/FY2025/OIG25-007.pdf>

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