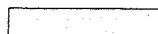


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY



Office of Government Ethics



IN THE MATTER OF:

Date: September 11, 2018

Sonji Johnson

CASE NO: 1643-001



**NOTICE OF HEARING, STATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS AND
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

TO: Sonji Johnson, Respondent

UPON inquiry conducted by the Office of Government Ethics (“OGE”), it is alleged that you violated the District Code of Conduct by falsely reporting a work injury, falsely accusing a District license-holder of physically assaulting you, and fraudulently causing the District of Columbia to pay medical expenses related to said falsely reported injury. Pursuant to DPM § 1808.1, you have a duty to protect and conserve government property and shall not use such property, or allow its use, for other than authorized purposes.¹ Moreover, pursuant to DPM § 1801.2, you are prohibited from interfering with or obstructing any investigation conducted by a District agency, including but not limited to the Office of Risk Management.²

WHEREFORE YOU ARE ORDERED to appear for a hearing before the Director of Government Ethics at 441 4th Street NW, Suite 540 South, Washington, D.C. 20001, on **Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** and SHOW CAUSE why you should not be found in violation of the District Code of Conduct and fined accordingly. *Please be advised that the hearing date in this notice supersedes the hearing date noted in the Show Cause Notice originally mailed by our office, dated August 30, 2018.* A record of this proceeding will be made. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel; however, such representation, alone, does not satisfy your requirement to appear. You are further advised to bring any evidence, documentation, materials, or other information that may be relevant to your defense.

¹ DPM 1808.2 states that:

For purposes of [section 1808] the following definitions apply:

(a) “Government property” includes any form of real or personal property in which a federal, District, state, or local government agency or entity has an ownership, leasehold, or other property interest as well as any right or other intangible interest that is purchased with government funds, including the services of contractor personnel. The term includes office supplies, telephone and other telecommunications equipment and services, the government mails, automated data processing capabilities, printing and reproduction facilities, government records, and government vehicles.

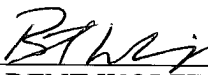
(b) “Authorized purposes” are those purposes for which government property is made available to members of the public or those purposes authorized by an agency head in accordance with law or regulation.

² See DPM § 1801.2.

If you desire to respond to this notice prior to the scheduled hearing, you may submit a written, notarized statement with detailed responses to the above-cited allegation(s) in lieu of appearing for said hearing in person.

If it is determined that a violation has been committed, the Director may impose a civil penalty, pursuant to DC Official Code §1-1162.21 (a)(3), up to a maximum of \$5,000.00.

Your failure to appear at the hearing or to submit a written, notarized response will be considered an admission of the allegation(s) herein, and the Director may proceed forthwith to conduct the hearing notwithstanding your failure to attend the same.



BRENT WOLFINGBARGER
Director of Government Ethics
Board of Ethics and Government Accountability