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To: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of Courts, Miami-Dade County
Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County
Honorable Jean Monestime, Chairman
and Members, Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County

From: Mary T. Cagle, Inspector General 

Date: September 15, 2016

Subject: Former Clerk's Office Employee Sentenced for Stealing Credit Card Information; Ref. IG15-02

Damian Lamar Thompson (Thompson), a former Court Records Specialist 1 of the Miami-Dade County Clerk of Courts (Clerk's Office) assigned to the Parking Violations Bureau, took a plea and was sentenced on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Thompson was arrested in May after a joint investigation by the Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the State Attorney's Office uncovered that he had obtained credit card information from citizens paying their parking fines over the telephone. Thompson would then use the stolen credit card information to make on-line purchases from his workplace computer during the work day.

The Clerk's Office had received complaints from customers indicating that their credit card information had been compromised. The OIG investigation involved identifying additional customers who had been victimized, tracing purchases made with the stolen credit cards, and interviewing Thompson, during which time he admitted to having taken the customers' credit card information and making personal purchases with it. Thompson was terminated from his employment immediately after his admissions.

Thompson pled guilty to multiple counts of Grand Theft 3rd Degree and multiple counts of Petit Theft. He was sentenced to two years of probation. As part of his plea, Thompson must also pay \$2,461 in restitution to defrauded credit card companies.

The OIG is grateful to Mr. Ruvin and his staff for bringing the matter to our attention, and for their continued cooperation during the investigation.

cc: Mike Henderson, Assistant to the Clerk, Clerk of Courts
Cathy Jackson, Director, Audit & Management Services Department
Neil Singh, Interim Commission Auditor