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## **DES Office of Inspector General Arrests Employee for Physical Assault**

**PHOENIX** – Director Timothy Jeffries today announced the DES Office of Inspector General (OIG) arrested employee, Gary Phillips, on suspicion he committed a physical assault on a DES employee.

Mr. Phillips, a supervisor within the DES Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services, is suspected of assaulting, on more than one occasion, a subordinate employee within his work unit.

“I am outraged that one of our employees would attack another co-worker,” said Director Timothy Jeffries. “My heart aches for the victim. We will do everything in our power to see the individual who committed this crime is held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.”

“The Office of Inspector General will invoke the full force of its authority not only to maintain the integrity of DES programs and services, but also to protect the DES colleagues who serve the public,” said Inspector General Juan J. Arcellana. “The physical safety of DES colleagues is a responsibility the OIG intends to uphold. Criminal acts committed by colleagues to physically harm others will not be tolerated.”

DES OIG obtained sufficient circumstantial evidence that culminated in the probable cause arrest of Gary Phillips. Mr. Phillips was arrested by OIG detectives in a DES office, and transported to the Department of Public Safety for fingerprinting and photo verification.

The investigation into this matter is ongoing.

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