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County Plumbing Inspectors Arrested, Charged with Public Record Tampering *Investigation into Allegations Ongoing, Additional Information Sought*

Allegheny County– In late June, information came to the attention of the Allegheny County Health Department regarding the potential falsification of plumbing inspections in the county. The department sought the assistance of the Allegheny County Police. Detectives from the General Investigations Unit were assigned to investigate. Detectives began to review records and automated processes associated with these inspections. They also conducted physical surveillance of county plumbing inspectors and the sites where inspections were to be taking place.

As a result of the investigative efforts, and the full cooperation of the Health Department, criminal charges were filed today against two county employees. Michael Kevin O'Toole, 57, of Pittsburgh was charged with 11 felony counts of tampering with public records or information. A second employee, Timothy R. Chelosky, 53, of McKeesport, was charged with four felony counts of tampering with public records or information. Both men were taken into custody and transported to the Allegheny County Jail to await arraignment.

The investigation into the alleged wrongdoing in the plumbing program is ongoing. Anyone with information concerning this investigation is asked to call the Allegheny County Police Tipline at 1-833-ALL-TIPS (1-833-255-8477). Callers can remain anonymous. The department can also be reached via its social media channels.

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