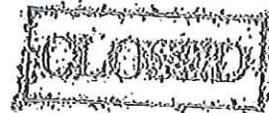


NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS  
INVESTIGATIVE CLOSING REPORT

TITLE: Potential Fraud- [REDACTED]  
DATE OF REPORT: August 21, 2009, *UW*  
REPORT PREPARED BY: [REDACTED], SSA/[REDACTED], SA

CASE NUMBER: 04-168



I. FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), Office of Investigations ("OI") received information alleging that Private Label Travel ("PLT"), a company that operated a business venture for Amtrak Marketing titled "Amtrak Vacations" was involved in questionable transactions that adversely impacted Amtrak. Allegedly, PLT violated the contractual "window of time" between ticket issue and delivery of the ticket to the ultimate passenger. PLT's CEO [REDACTED] reported to Amtrak Marketing that the company was in financial distress and could not carry on its business without financial assistance from Amtrak. It was also alleged that in July 2004, the PLT CFO, [REDACTED], and the PLT CIO, [REDACTED], each received \$200,000 in some form of a "buy out."
2. OI found that PLT was a wholly owned subsidiary of a company named International Travel Brands, Incorporated ("ITB"). OI found that ITB was associated with numerous other travel related companies. OI issued subpoenas to PLT, ITB, Global Vacations Group, MTI Vacations, Inc., Classic Vacation Group, Globetrotter Vacations, World of Golf, Ski Vacation Planners, Inc., Touritalia, Inc., and the Illinois Secretary of State to learn more information about [REDACTED]'s business operations.
3. OI reviewed the voluminous documents received in compliance with the subpoenas, and attempted to conduct interviews with [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. However all three obtained attorneys and they would not agree to be interviewed by the OIG.
4. OI and OIG Audit met with the United State's Attorney's Office ("USAO") in [REDACTED] to discuss potential criminal charges against PLT, but the USAO declined interest in pursuing the matter.
5. During the same time period as OI's investigation into PLT, Amtrak's Law Department hired the law firm of [REDACTED], to take action against PLT. On September 28, 2005, [REDACTED] filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in [REDACTED]. On October 12, 2005, Amtrak entered into Mutual Release and Settlement Agreements with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in which Amtrak agreed [REDACTED] (See Exhibit 1).
6. OI requested that the Amtrak Law Department provide confirmation that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had each [REDACTED] After reviewing [REDACTED] fulfill the terms of their settlement agreements.

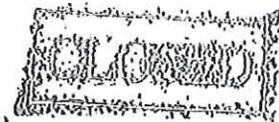
7. On July 27, 2009, OI received correspondence from the Law Department confirming that [REDACTED] (See Exhibit 2).
8. On August 11, 2009, OI received confirmation from the Law Department confirming that [REDACTED] (See Exhibit 3).

**B. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Close case pending further information.

Chief Inspector: [REDACTED] Date: 9/21/09

Deputy Inspector General/Counsel: ALT Date: 9/27/2009  
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Exhibits

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