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Billing Errors and Other Discrepancies in a Portion of Broward County's Broadview Park Project

Broward Inspector General John W. Scott announced today that the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has issued a [final report](#) concluding the OIG's investigation into an allegation that a subcontractor working under Giannetti Contracting Corporation (Giannetti) committed misconduct while working on Broward County's Broadview Park project. Although the original allegation was unfounded, during the OIG's review of records provided by Giannetti and the county during the investigation into the contractor's billing, the OIG identified several errors and other discrepancies in Giannetti's billing totaling at least \$99,791.03 in the contractor's favor.

We are pleased to report that, after Giannetti and the county reviewed our analysis against their records, in June and July 2017, Giannetti refunded affected parties a total of \$101,542.17 by paying \$31,612.27 to its subcontractor Stanford & Sons Trucking Corporation and repaying \$69,929.90 to Broward County.

The OIG credits the county for acknowledging our analysis and requiring Giannetti to forfeit the overpayment, and we appreciate Giannetti's voluntary repayment. Yet, we remain troubled about Giannetti's billing practices and some of the county's oversight of them. While both parties reported that all outstanding issues had been resolved among themselves, neither party acknowledged that some of the errors could have been avoided had the parties adhered to contract language when handling changes in said contract. Accordingly, this report not only details the billing errors and other discrepancies identified in our review, but offers recommendations to Broward's county and municipal governments to improve their administration of construction contracts.

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