

## **Report of Staff Involvement in a Traffic Death in the Africa Region (UPDATE)**

OIG and the Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, Office of Special Investigations, investigated a Peace Corps employee's involvement in the traffic death of a host country national. The investigation disclosed that after drinking an undetermined amount of alcohol at a bar, the employee picked up a sex worker on a street in his diplomatic-plated vehicle and brought her back to his U.S. government-leased residence, where he exchanged money for sexual activity with her. While driving her back to the area where he picked her up, the employee's car struck three host country nationals in separate but successive incidents, causing injury to the employee and severe injury to bystanders, including one fatality. After the initial accident, a group of onlookers pelted the employees' vehicle with rocks. The employee then sped off in the vehicle and was chased down by a group of motorcycles. During the chase the employees' vehicle struck and killed a street vendor. The employee was eventually transported to a police station where he refused a breathalyzer and was released so that he could receive medical attention. The Peace Corps and U.S. Embassy arranged a medevac to the United States for the employee. The host country was unable to pursue prosecution before the medevac took place, and the U.S. Department of Justice declined prosecution, citing a lack of jurisdiction. OIG referred the matter to the agency for administrative action and security clearance review. The employee's clearance was revoked, and he resigned from his position.