



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2005-08-0392

February 6, 2007

### COMPUTER BUSINESS AT STATE WORK

*The Inspector General, David O. Thomas, reports as follows:*

This case involves a case worker for the Randolph County Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA).

An ethics complaint was filed on July 13, 2006, alleging that the respondent was in violation of the Use of State Property Rule in 42 IAC 1-5-12. Specifically, the respondent was excessively using her state email account to run an E-Bay business during work hours. Fellow employees complained that they were often required to accept packages at work to further this outside employment. The respondent also was receiving great amounts of her personal mail at work, causing one employee to complain. In addition to her E-Bay business, the respondent was also using her state computer on state time to solicit loans.

Investigators inquired if there was a policy that allowed this use of state property, and none existed.

On September 5, 2006, the respondent signed an agreed settlement admitting to the facts alleged in the complaint, which was filed with and approved by the Indiana State Ethics Commission on October 12, 2006.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David O. Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General