



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2005-09-0476

July 5, 2007

AIDS TASK FORCE

Inspector General David O. Thomas and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer report as follows:

In September of 2005, an anonymous hotline complaint was received by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). This complaint alleged that within the Indiana State Department of Health an AIDS task force employee named “Paula” was fired for embezzling \$40,000. The anonymous complaint also alleged that “Paula” was told that no charges would be filed against her.

OIG Special Agent Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. Allen County Prosecuting Attorney Karen Richards confirmed the investigation which had been done by a federal Postal Inspector who discovered \$92,000 had been embezzled by Paula Lamb. These acts were committed in 2004 and involved making personal purchases on a state credit card and forging checks. The investigation was submitted to the United States Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Indiana, in Fort Wayne.

This OIG investigation was left open in order to assure resolution.

Assistant United States Attorney Tina L. Nommay provided documentation in May of 2007 that not only was Paula Lamb convicted, but that Lamb was also sentenced to incarceration with an order of restitution.

A conviction having been obtained, this investigation is closed.

Dated this 5th day of July, 2007.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David O. Thomas", is positioned above a horizontal line.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General