



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2006-03-0128

April 16, 2007

DELEWARE COUNTY TANF FRAUD

Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by FSSA Investigator Mary Dickson and assistance from Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer, reports as follows:

In March of 2006, Investigators from the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) brought a case to the attention of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The case had been investigated by FSSA investigator Mary Dickson. It involved two food stamps and TANF (temporary assistance for needy families) recipients who had provided false information to the Division of Family Resources (DFR) in order to receive welfare benefits for which they were not entitled. The two defendants, Amy Koontz and Terri Moore, submitted Shelter Collateral Request forms, letters from landlords, leases, and requests for earning information forms. The investigation revealed that these documents were forged. Koontz and Moore forged these forms to entitle them to higher monthly welfare benefits from DFR. Koontz allegedly received \$3,094 in false benefits and Moore allegedly received \$5,936 in false benefits.

The Inspector General was invited to attend the submission of this case fully investigated by FSSA investigator Mary Dickson to the Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney. Criminal charges of welfare fraud and forgery and criminal charges were filed thereafter.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David O. Thomas".

David O. Thomas, Inspector General