



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2007-04-0085

March 20, 2008

### DOR EMPLOYEE BARRED FROM STATE GOVERNMENT

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

The purpose of this report is to document further action on this case by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the State Ethics Commission (SEC).

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted a criminal investigation of Department of Revenue (DOR) employee Deondra Lovette Causey (Causey) of Fort Wayne, Indiana. This investigation was launched at the request of DOR Commissioner John Eckart. OIG Special Agent Charles E. Coffin was assigned to investigate. To assist the OIG, Commissioner Eckart assigned DOR CPA Auditor Walter Hocker and Special Agent Thomas Hawkins.

The investigation revealed that Causey, a DOR auditor since 2001, committed multiple thefts and official misconduct offenses while employed by DOR. Causey was convicted and sentenced on March 3, 2008 by the Allen Superior Court on the felony offenses of forgery and theft.

In addition to this criminal disposition, the OIG filed an ethics complaint against Causey alleging the misuse of state property in violation of 42 IAC 5-1-12. On March 13, 2008, the SEC accepted a settlement agreement where Causey

admitted to the violation and the SEC barred Causey from any future state employment.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

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David O. Thomas, Inspector General