

INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2008-03-0072

November 30, 2009

ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCMENT AGENCY

Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Mike Mischler, reports as follows:

This case involves the assistance of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) provided to a federal law enforcement agency.

The OIG is responsible for addressing fraud, waste, abuse, and wrongdoing in agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). Similar to other law enforcement agencies, the OIG assists agencies upon request. The Indiana OIG is specifically authorized to cooperate with federal law enforcement agency investigations. IC 4-2-7-3(4)(B).

The OIG was requested by a federal law enforcement agency to assist it in obtaining from state government records information regarding the suspects. Special Agent Mike Mischler was assigned.

Several state agencies were contacted to obtain this information, and documents were obtained and forwarded to the federal agency. The OIG was advised that these documents assisted the federal investigation because these documents filed with the state agencies appeared to be forgeries related to the investigation. The persons whose signatures appeared on these documents were approached and confirmed that they had not signed the documents.

Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) records were also examined

regarding these purported signatures and it was determined that the suspects had also provided false information to the BMV.

Having provided this information in cooperation with the federal agents, this case was closed in our files.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2009.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General