

## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2008-04-0105

March 6, 2009

## DCS MAILROOM THEFT

Inspector General David O. Thomas and Staff Attorney Amanda Schaeffer, after an investigation by Special Agent Dave Clark, report as follows:

This investigation involved the theft of a child support check in March of 2008. At that time the defendant was employed by Alpha Rea Personnel and was working at Indiana State Central Collection Unit (INSCCU) mailroom located in Indianapolis. ISCCU is a branch of Affiliated Computer Services (ACS) which is on contract with the Indiana Division of Child Services to provide collection services of child support payments. Alpha Rea Personnel provides staffing for Affiliated Computer Services (ACS).

In this case, it was determined that the defendant altered a \$219.00 money order sent to INSCUU by a non-custodial parent as a child support payment. The intended recipient, INSCUU, was marked out on the check, and the defendant entered his own name and address on the document. He also entered his signature on the reverse side of the money order along with his home phone number at the time he cashed it at a liquor store on or about March 27, 2008.

The suspect was well known by both the liquor store owner and manager, and was identified as the individual for whom the money order was cashed.

The defendant was interviewed and offered the opportunity to explain what had happened, and he admitted to signing the reverse side of the money order and cashing it.

The investigation was then submitted to the Marion County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and criminal charges were filed on August 6, 2008. This case was accordingly closed.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

David O. Thomas, Inspector General

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