



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2008-08-0207

October 22, 2008

### THEFT OF BUS TICKETS

*Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Dave Clark and Detective John Seifert of the Metropolitan Police Department, reports as follows:*

This investigation involves the theft of bus tickets by an employee of the Department of Child Services (DCS).

On the morning of August 1, 2008, Sherrill Essett arrived at her workplace located at 4150 North Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis, where she is employed as a secretary with the Marion County Department of Child Services (DCS).

Shortly after arriving, she appeared before a DCS administrative assistant and requested two boxes of Metro bus passes. She was given the tickets, and this transaction was recorded in the handwritten log. Essett then departed the building.

Later that morning Essett called in sick for the remainder of the day. Essett was then called by a DCS supervisor and the Human Resources Director. The supervisor inquired about the tickets, and Essett responded that she had given them away. Essett then advised her supervisor that she was quitting her job.

The value of the loss was \$3,000, with each of the two boxes of bus passes valued at \$1,500.

This case was also investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) through Detective John Seifert. The Office of the Inspector General shared its investigation results with MPD and provided the check-out log and photographs as evidence. The investigation has been submitted to and processed by the Marion County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for the offense of theft, a class D felony.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2008.



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David O. Thomas, Inspector General