



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-04-0159

September 6, 2012

SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION

Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Chuck Coffin, reports as follows:

Throughout 2011, the State Personnel Department (SPD) forwarded to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) a series of complaints alleging possible insurance fraud that arose out of a Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit (Audit) by SPD. Among those complaints was one against an Indiana Department of Correction employee (Employee) whose daughter was an ineligible dependent based on her status as a student.¹

The OIG is charged by the Indiana Legislature to address fraud, waste and abuse in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). In so doing, the OIG is instructed to supervise and coordinate investigations. IC 4-2-7-3(1).

OIG Special Agent Chuck Coffin was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Coffin learned that Employee had provided SPD with copies of his

¹ At the time of the Audit, SPD policy allowed unmarried dependent children to remain eligible dependents on the State's benefits plans until the end of the calendar year in which they turned 23, provided they were full-time students enrolled in an educational institution. Unmarried dependent children who did not maintain full-time student status became ineligible at the end of the calendar year in which they turned 19.

daughter's enrollment records; however, they did not designate her status as full-time or part-time. SPD determined Employee's daughter was an ineligible dependent as of January 1, 2009. SPD sent Employee a collection letter on April 20, 2011 to request he repay the State in the amount of \$2385.11 for medical, prescription and dental claims of \$751.75, \$1343.06 and \$290.30, respectively, that were paid on his daughter's behalf. Employee repaid the State in full.

Finding no basis for criminal charges, Special Agent Coffin advises the investigation be closed at this time. Should additional evidence be brought forward, this case may be evaluated for further action. At this time and for these reasons, this case is closed.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General