

# INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

## 2011-05-0176

## August 7, 2012

## SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION

Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Mark Mitchell, 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 a former Department of Correction (DOC) employee (Employee),<sup>1</sup> who failed to deliver to the Audit administrator documentation confirming the eligibility of her son.

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 Mark Mitchell was assigned to investigate and found that no claims had been paid by the State on behalf of the Employee's son since 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Employee's employment with DOC was terminated on April 30, 2011. Benefits term on May 28, 2011 as a result of her termination from state employment.

Finding no basis for criminal charges, Special Agent Mitchell 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

### APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General