



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-05-0177

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SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION

Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, 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 Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) employee (Employee),¹ who failed to deliver to the Audit administrator documentation confirming the eligibility of his two children.

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 Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Boehmer attempted to contact Employee but received no response. In

¹ Employee failed to comply with the Audit requests by the time his employment with DOC terminated on April 22, 2010.

addition, Special Agent Boehmer learned from the Indiana State Department of Health that it did not have birth certificates for either of Employee's children, indicating that they were born in another state. Special Agent Boehmer's investigation ultimately revealed that the children both bore Employee's surname and had been claimed by Employee as dependents since he began working for the State in 2004.

Without any evidence to suggest the children are ineligible dependents, Special Agent Boehmer finds no merit to continue the investigation and recommends it 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 7th day of August, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General