



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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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 Family & Social Services Administration (FSSA) employee (Employee) who left her ex-husband on her state-sponsored benefits plans following the finalization of her divorce.

The OIG is charged by the Indiana General Assembly 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. In reviewing documents provided by SPD and conducting interviews, Special Agent Coffin discovered the Employee and her ex-husband were divorced on July 14,

2009. Consistent with SPD policy, the Employee was obligated to report this divorce to SPD within 30 days in order to have her ex-husband removed from coverage under her state benefits. The Employee failed to comply with this policy and reenrolled her ex-husband on her state benefits plans during the following Open Enrollment period.

As of August 2, 2011 SPD had received payment in full from the Employee of \$9.97 for the claims the state paid on behalf of her ex-husband.

With no further action to be taken, 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.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General