



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #14

Inspector General Staff Attorney Kristi Shute, after an investigation by Special Agent Mike Mischler, reports as follows:

On February 7, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information from the State Personnel Department (“SPD”) stating that a former Department of Correction (“DOC”) employee possibly carried ineligible dependents on her state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the dependents’ eligibility.

The SPD conducted a dependent eligibility verification audit using third party administrator AON Consulting. On June 29, 2010, AON Consulting sent the former DOC employee a letter requesting that she complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for her children to verify their eligibility. Copies of both children’s birth certificates were required to complete the audit. She did not respond to this request.

The former employee was given two additional extensions. Before the final deadline expired, she submitted her signed Affidavit, a copy of her

daughter's birth certificate and a copy of her 2009 federal tax return. She did not, however, provide a copy of her son's birth certificate to verify his eligibility. As of February 7, 2011, she had not completed the audit.

Special Agent Mischler contacted a Family and Social Services Administration ("FSSA") Investigator to determine whether the former employee was receiving benefits. The Investigator discovered there was a copy of the son's birth certificate in her FSSA file. Special Agent Mischler received a copy of the birth certificate.

Since it has been determined that the claimed dependents were eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance and no fraud was discovered, this investigation is closed.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General