



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #15

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 a former spouse and ineligible dependents on his state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the spouse’s and 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 he complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for his spouse and four children to verify their eligibility. A copy of each child’s birth certificate, his marriage certificate and the front page of his 2009 federal tax return that showed his marital status as married were required to complete the audit.

On July 27, 2010, the former employee submitted a copy of the birth certificates for three children, a copy of his 2009 federal tax return and a signed note stating that his dependents were eligible. Since the former employee did not submit all the required documentation, a second letter was sent extending the deadline for providing the documentation. On August 5, 2010, he submitted a copy of his marriage license and signed Affidavit. A copy of his daughter's birth certificate, however, was still needed to verify her eligibility. He was given a final extension with a deadline of September 27, 2010. As of February 7, 2011, he had not provided the remaining documentation, therefore not complying with the audit.

Special Agent Mischler contacted the former DOC employee by phone and conducted an interview. The former employee explained that his relationship with his daughter's mother was strained and that he was having difficulty getting a copy of the birth certificate. The former employee advised that his daughter was born in Lake County. Special Agent Mischler contacted the Indiana Department of Health to verify that the daughter was born in Lake County. He received a faxed copy of the verification of birth. This document, however, did not list a father.

Subsequently, Special Agent Mischler contacted the Indiana Auditor's Office to determine whether there was a court order on file showing the former DOC employee paid child support for the claimed daughter. The Auditor's Office sent Special Agent Mischler a copy of an Illinois Court Order which required the

former DOC employee to pay child support for the claimed daughter.

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

Dated this 28th day of March, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General