



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #17

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 Family and Social Services Administration (“FSSA”) 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 FSSA employee a letter requesting that he complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for his spouse and dependent children to verify their eligibility. Copies of the children’s birth certificates, a copy of his marriage license and a copy of the front page of his 2009 federal tax return showing his marital status as married were required to

complete the audit. He did not respond to this request.

Due to the lack of response, a second letter was sent to the former employee extending the deadline for providing documentation. He submitted a copy of his marriage license, his signed Affidavit and copies for all four of his children's birth certificates. He did not, however, provide a copy of his 2009 federal tax return to verify his spouse's eligibility. A final extension was made with a deadline of September 27, 2010. As of February 7, 2011, the former employee had not provided the remaining documentation, therefore not complying with the audit.

Special Agent Mischler contacted the former employee by letter and e-mail advising him about the documentation that was needed to complete the audit. Since there was no response after several attempts to make contact, Special Agent Mischler went to the former employee's residence. He knocked on the door, but there was no answer. As a result, he left yet another letter on the front door of the residence. On March 3, 2011, the former employee called Special Agent Mischler to inquire into whether he could send a copy of the front page of his 2009 federal tax return to the address left with Special Agents Mischler's correspondence. He was advised that this was acceptable. On March 17, 2011, the OIG received the front page of his 2009 federal tax return. This revealed there was no fraud.

Since it has been determined that the claimed spouse and 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 24th day of March, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General