

## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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March 21, 2011

## SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION #23

Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, reports as follows:

In February 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 Department of Correction employee ("Employee"), who failed to deliver to the Audit administrator documentation confirming the eligibility of his spouse and his two children.

The OIG is charged by the Indiana Legislature with addressing fraud, waste, and abuse in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b).

OIG Special Agent Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Boehmer determined Employee had married his named spouse in 1999, and no divorce decree was on record for the couple in the county where they had

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Employee's employment with DOC was terminated on January 31, 2011.

resided throughout the duration of their marriage.<sup>2</sup> Special Agent Boehmer also found that Employee's wife had listed Employee as her spouse in an application for public assistance and that she had provided birth certificates to FSSA confirming the names of their children.

Finding no basis for criminal charges, Special Agent Boehmer recommended 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.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Employee and his wife did not file federal tax returns in 2009 or 2010.