



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION #24

Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Chuck Coffin, 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"),¹ who had failed to deliver to the Audit administrator a marriage license documenting the eligibility of his spouse.

OIG Special Agent Chuck Coffin was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Coffin spoke with Employee and learned he had married his spouse on December 7, 2006, and the couple were divorced on November 8, 2010. Employee sent to Special Agent Coffin a copy of the divorce decree confirming this information. Special Agent Coffin shared this information with Jennifer Peschke at SPD who advised that no vision, dental, prescription, or medical

¹ Cody's employment with the DOC was terminated on December 1, 2010. Benefits termned on January 1, 2011 as a result of his termination from state employment.

benefits had been paid out on Employee's wife's behalf from the time of the divorce until the time Employee's benefits terminated as a result of his termination from state employment.

Finding no basis for criminal charges, Special Agent Coffin 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 28th day of February, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General