



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #31

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

On February 8, 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 an ineligible dependent on her state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the spouse’s and dependent’s eligibility.

The SPD conducted a dependent eligibility verification audit using third party administrator AON Consulting. On June 29, 2010, AON Consulting sent the DOC employee a letter requesting that she complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for her spouse and child to verify their eligibility. A copy of the child’s birth certificate, her marriage license and a copy of the front page of her 2009 federal tax return showing her marital status as married were required to complete the audit.

On July 27, 2010, the DOC employee submitted her signed affidavit, marriage license and a copy of her child's birth certificate. She did not, however, provide a copy of her 2009 tax return to verify her husband's eligibility. Due to incomplete information, the DOC employee was given two additional extensions. Before the final deadline expired, she submitted an unsigned Affidavit. As of February 8, 2011, she had not completed the audit.

To verify eligibility, Special Agent Boehmer contacted the Marion County Clerk's Office. He determined that the DOC employee had not filed for divorce. Therefore, her marriage to her spouse was currently valid. Upon receiving the information Special Agent Boehmer collected in this investigation, the SPD determined that the DOC employee's dependents were eligible and that the SPD considered the case closed.

Since there was no divorce recorded in Marion County, and the SPD considers this case closed, it has been determined that the claimed spouse and dependent were eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance and no fraud was discovered. Therefore, this investigation is closed.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General