



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #33

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

On February 11, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information from the State Personnel Department (“SPD”) stating that a former Indiana War Memorials (“IWM”) employee possibly carried ineligible dependents on his state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the 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 IWM employee a letter requesting that he complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for his four children to verify their eligibility. Copies of the children’s birth certificates, along with full-time student documentation for one child, were required to complete the audit. He did not respond to this request.

The former IWM employee was given two additional extensions, but, as

of February 11, 2011, had not responded to or complied with the audit. Special Agent Coffin sent the former employee a certified, return receipt requested letter explaining the matter and requesting that the former employee send the required documentation. The OIG received the return receipt, but the former employee did not contact Special Agent Coffin.

To determine eligibility, Special Agent Coffin contacted the Office of the Putnam County Clerk to obtain a copy of the former employee's Decree of Dissolution of Marriage ("Decree") and Final Agreement of Settlement. The Decree found that there were four children born of the parties. Subsequently, Special Agent Coffin contacted the University attended by the oldest child and confirmed that she was enrolled as a full-time student for the Spring 2010 semester, which ran from January through May 2010, and was a part-time student for the Fall 2010 semester, which ran from August through December 2010.

Since the children's dependency was established via court documents and the oldest child's student status falls within SPD guidelines, it has been determined that the claimed dependents were eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance. Therefore, no fraud was discovered and this investigation is closed.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General