



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2011-03-0126

May 13, 2011

### SPD DEPENDENT AUDIT INVESTIGATION #39

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

In early 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 Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) employee (“Employee”)<sup>1</sup> who failed to deliver to the Audit administrator documentation confirming the eligibility of her husband.

The OIG is charged by the Indiana Legislature to address fraud, waste and abuse in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). In so doing, the OIG is instructed to supervise and coordinate investigations. IC 4-2-7-3(1).

OIG Special Agent Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. Special Agent Boehmer found no record of a divorce filed by either Employee or her

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<sup>1</sup> Employee provided SPD with a marriage certificate but did not submit any form of joint debt to support her husband’s continuing eligibility by the time she resigned from her employment with IDHS on March 18, 2011.

husband in their primary county of residence. Special Agent Boehmer confirmed this fact with Employee who indicated that she had separated from her husband but neither of them had formally filed for divorce. Furthermore, Employee explained the couple did not share any joint debt she could produce to SPD to confirm her husband's eligibility.

Finding no merit to continue, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General