



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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### ISP TICKET ACTIVITY

*Inspector General Staff Attorney Kristi Shute, after an investigation by Special Agent Alan McElroy, reports as follows:*

On December 28, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information regarding an investigation pertaining to possible forgery. Specifically, the OIG was advised that a former Indiana State Police (“ISP”) Trooper may have been falsifying tickets to meet his traffic enforcement requirements. The OIG was asked to conduct an independent investigation into the allegations.

Special Agent Alan McElroy was assigned. His investigation consisted of reviewing regularly made and kept records of the ISP, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Brownsburg Town Court, the Plainfield Police Department and the Indiana Data and Communications System, as well as conducting several interviews.

During the investigation, Special Agent McElroy determined that, from March 2010 through July 2010, the ISP Trooper falsified Uniform Traffic Tickets

("UTTs") and traffic warnings that he never issued to the alleged violators and never delivered to the court.

Special Agent McElroy's investigation included a review of the computerized UTT system, and found that many of the Trooper's entries were inconsistent with the valid procedures.

While the Trooper declined to be interviewed by Special Agent McElroy, he denied wrongdoing to his superiors and stated that the UTTs in question had to be a mistake. He attempted to provide an explanation and suggested that the UTTs were automatically generated from his accident reports. After reviewing the Trooper's Daily Activity Reports, his accident reports and comparing the reported activity to the UTTs and traffic warnings, it became clear to Special Agent McElroy that the tickets and warnings in question were intentionally and falsely written by the Trooper.

Discrepancies included the Trooper running a license plate inquiry on a license plate number two full days before he wrote the ticket. Also, some of the tickets and warnings were out of sequence with the time the license plate checks were made. The times were often off by at least one hour on some tickets and at least two hours on one ticket.

Finally, in once instance, the Trooper created a citation for a motorist he never stopped.

This case was submitted to the Hendricks County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Criminal charges of Forgery, Perjury and Official Misconduct were filed

and the criminal case is pending as of the date of this report.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General