



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2008-07-0179

October 29, 2008

ALLEGED CONTRACT OVERBILLING

Inspector General David O. Thomas, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, reports as follows:

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint that a contractor was over-billing the Department of Corrections (DOC). The allegation was that the contractor was over-billing on contracts for labor and time that was never performed.

The OIG is responsible for addressing fraud, waste, abuse and wrongdoing in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b).

An investigation was commenced. The contractor was identified and it was confirmed that the contractor was doing business with DOC. However, the work was being performed through purchase orders rather than contracts. Furthermore, the payment to the contractor for the work performed was structured on a per-fixture basis rather than through an hourly rate. Therefore, the amount of time or number of employees was not charged to DOC, as alleged in the original report.

With nothing out of the ordinary regarding these purchase orders, and with no additional information supplied by the reporting party, this investigation was then closed as unfounded.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2008.

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David O. Thomas, Inspector General