



## INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2009-03-0050

November 30, 2009

### JOHNSON COUNTY EBT FRAUD

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

On March 6, 2009, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an email from the Director of the Gaming Control Division at the Indiana Gaming Commission (IGC) regarding a number of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards that had been recovered by his agency. Specifically, an informant had contacted IGC and alleged that EBT cards, along with other stolen property, was being bought and sold by a husband and wife who resided in Johnson County and owned a gaming operation located in Indianapolis.

OIG Special Agent Mark Mitchell was assigned to monitor and provide assistance to the investigative units actively involved in the investigation. The OIG was responsible for assisting IGC and the Indiana State Police (ISP) by running the EBT cards for identification and use.

On October 21, 2009, IGC notified the OIG that a search warrant had been served, and the husband and wife had been arrested on felony illegal gambling

charges. All EBT cards and related materials that had been recovered during the execution of the search warrant were turned over to the Family & Social Services Administration investigator involved with the case. The remainder of the recovered merchandise was turned over to ISP and Johnson County investigators to process.

With the responsibilities of the OIG having been satisfied and the assistance of the OIG in the investigation no longer needed, this case will be suspended in order to pursue other pending investigations. Should further OIG assistance be needed, this case may be evaluated for further action. At this time and for these reasons, this case is closed.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

APPROVED BY:



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David O. Thomas, Inspector General