



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2012-05-0104

September 14, 2012

DCS PROVIDER ALLEGATIONS III

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

On April 2, 2012 the Department of Child Services (DCS) forwarded a complaint to the Inspector General that workers affiliated with one of the DCS providers (Provider) were falsifying drug screens for the Provider's clients. Among those workers was a drug screener ("Defendant") who was alleged to be falsifying documentation of a client's (Client) drug screens.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) is charged by the Indiana General Assembly to address fraud, waste, and abuse in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). The OIG is further responsible for supervising and coordinating investigations. IC 4-2-7-3(1).

OIG Special Agent Darrell Boehmer was assigned to investigate. In conducting interviews and reviewing documents, Special Agent Boehmer learned Defendant had reported conducting eleven (11) drug tests on Client at his home while he had actually been incarcerated in an Illinois county jail (Jail). Special

Agent Boehmer spoke with the county Sheriff's Office and discovered the Jail records showed Defendant had not visited or performed any drug screens on Client throughout the duration of his incarceration. Furthermore, in reviewing the documentation provided by Defendant about additional drug tests he performed on Client, Special Agent Boehmer found Client's signature appeared to have been reproduced from an original copy and overwritten and dated at a later time. Finally, when Special Agent Boehmer compared testing times reported by Defendant against known travel times to Client's home, he discovered additional questionable tests.

Based on these falsifications, Special Agent Boehmer believed Defendant was paid a total of \$1033.50 for drug screens and mileage for tests he failed to perform. The results of these dubious screens were submitted by DCS to the Lake County courts for the purpose of determining the status of Client's parental rights.

Special Agent Boehmer presented the findings of this investigation to the Lake County Prosecutor's Office, and criminal charges of Forgery and Theft were filed against Defendant on August 16, 2012. Accordingly, this case is closed.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2012.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General