



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2008-04-0102

December 10, 2009

VANDERBURGH COUNTY DCS

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

This case began when the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received a report from the Department of Child Services (DCS) that a person (“Defendant”) had been discharged from the DCS office in Vanderburgh County for wrongful activity.

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is a law enforcement agency authorized to investigate wrong-doing in state agencies. IC 4-2-7-3.

Defendant was a Family Case Manager with the Vanderburgh County DCS until her termination in April of 2008. As part of her duties, Defendant was required to visit foster families and document the progress of children placed there.

The investigation reviewed several areas of wrongdoing by Defendant and these matters were discussed with members of the Vanderburgh County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. The evidence also revealed that while employed with the Vanderburgh County DCS, Defendant was issued a state-owned cell

phone and identification badge. The cell phone issued to Defendant was a Verizon Wireless LG, Model VX5200. The identification badge consisted of a 3 ¼ x 2 inch plastic rectangle with a photo of Defendant and “State of Indiana” printed on it. On the back of the badge, there is documentation advising that the badge is the property of the state of Indiana. Defendant refused to return these items to DCS after her termination.

The investigation was submitted to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Vanderburgh County and criminal charges of conversion were filed.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2009.



David O. Thomas, Inspector General