



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2008-10-0277

December 16, 2009

GREENFIELD INDOT FUEL THEFT

Inspector General Staff Attorney Kristi Shute, after an investigation by Special Agent Mike Mischler, reports as follows:

On October 9, 2008, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information stating that a former Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”) employee was suspected of committing acts of theft. It was alleged that the employee used his state issued fuel credit card to make unauthorized fuel purchases.

During the course of the investigation, Special Agent Mischler learned that, as a Highway Tech Broadband for INDOT, the employee was issued a fuel credit card with a unique number to purchase fuel for INDOT vehicles he was assigned to operate. Special Agent Mischler discovered that, pursuant to INDOT policy, when purchasing fuel, an employee is required to enter a vehicle or commission identification number. After the purchase is made, an employee is required to turn in a receipt for that purchase. In accordance with INDOT’s Vehicle Policy for Transportation Type Vehicles (Revised 4-1-07), the employee

had restricted use of the vehicle and credit card which were only to be used for INDOT business.

Special Agent Mischler determined that the employee used the vehicle number for the truck he was assigned and the credit card he was issued to make the suspect purchases. The suspect purchases consisted of instances where receipts were missing, gasoline was purchased outside the employee's assigned work area, multiple purchases of gasoline were made on one day and purchases were made when the employee was on days off, on vacation days, on sick days or on funeral leave days. The employee used his INDOT credit card to make 23 unauthorized purchases for approximately 295 gallons of unleaded gasoline at a cost of \$1,052.57.

The OIG is responsible for addressing fraud, waste, abuse, and wrongdoing in agencies. IC 4-2-7-2(b). The OIG is also charged to investigate criminal offenses by state employees. IC 4-2-7-3.

This case was submitted to the Henry County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and criminal charges of Theft and Official Misconduct were filed on December 3, 2009. Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2009.

APPROVED BY:



David O. Thomas, Inspector General