



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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COMMISSION ON HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS THEFT

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

On January 6, 2010, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Commissioner informed the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that the Executive Director (Director) of the Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (Commission) had been terminated for failing to observe state procurement guidelines. Specifically, DWD believed that the Director had been making purchases without the required approval of the Commission.

OIG Special Agent Chuck Coffin was assigned and an investigation commenced.

The OIG is authorized to conduct investigations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, and misconduct in state government. IC 4-2-7-3(2).

The investigation proceeded with interviews, the review of documents, and the issuance of warrants. Special Agent Coffin found that the Director appeared to have taken property belonging to the Commission and DWD when

she was terminated, including a Toshiba Television/DVD combo, a black luggage cart, and a Dymo Letra handheld label maker. These items had last been seen in the possession of the Director and could not be accounted for by the Commission or DWD after her departure.

OIG Special Agents executed a search warrant at the Director's apartment and recovered these items along with a brown bag containing office materials the Director surrendered at that time.

The investigation was submitted to the Marion County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and an arrest warrant was subsequently issued against the Director for criminal charges of one count of Theft and one count of Official Misconduct.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2010.

APPROVED BY:



David O. Thomas, Inspector General