



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

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SPD AUDIT INVESTIGATION #29

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

On February 9, 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (“OIG”) received information from the State Personnel Department (“SPD”) stating that a former Department of Correction (“DOC”) employee possibly carried a former spouse and ineligible dependent on his state provided health insurance. The SPD requested the OIG’s assistance in determining the spouse’s and dependent’s eligibility.

The SPD conducted a dependent eligibility verification audit using third party administrator AON Consulting. On June 29, 2010, AON Consulting sent the former DOC employee a letter requesting that he complete and return the enclosed Affidavit Signature Form and provide documentation for his spouse and dependent child to verify their eligibility. A copy of the court order for guardianship, a copy of his marriage license and a copy of the front page of his 2009 federal tax form showing his marital status as married were required to

complete the audit. The former DOC employee did not respond to this request.

Due to the lack of response, a second letter was sent to the former employee extending the deadline for providing documentation. He submitted a copy of the court order for guardianship, which verified eligibility for his dependent child. Subsequently, the former employee returned the signed Affidavit. He did not, however, provide a copy of his marriage license or 2009 tax return to verify his spouse's eligibility. A final extension was made with a deadline of September 27, 2010. As of February 9, 2011, the former employee had not provided the remaining documentation, therefore not complying with the audit.

Special Agent Mischler contacted the former employee by phone and advised him about the documentation that was needed to complete the audit. He advised that he did not know the location of his 2009 tax return, but that he just filed his 2010 return. He provided copies of his 2010 tax return and application for marriage license which included a certification of the marriage at the bottom of the document.

Since it has been determined that the claimed spouse and dependent were eligible to be on the former employee's state provided health insurance and no fraud was discovered, this investigation is closed for lack of merit.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2011.

APPROVED BY:

/s/ David O. Thomas, Inspector General