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
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TO: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
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FROM: J. Tyler McCauley 
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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY FRAUD HOTLINE STATUS REPORT

The Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline opened 155 new investigations during the quarter ending March 31, 2006. The Office of County Investigations closed 150 cases, 28 of which were substantiated, 60 were not substantiated, and 62 were not investigated after a preliminary review determined the allegation was either immaterial, previously investigated, referred to an outside agency, or not enough information was provided. Attachment I provides for a more detailed discussion of the closed substantiated cases. As of March 31, 2006, 384 investigations were in progress.

Based on the 28 substantiated cases, the following personnel actions were taken. Some cases may include multiple suspects and multiple dispositions.

Counseled	4
Dismissed	4
Referred to District Attorney	7
Reassigned	1
Resigned	1
Suspended	1
Disciplinary/Corrective Action Pending	19

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or have your staff call Marion Romeis at (626) 293-1400.

c: Audit Committee
David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
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Attachments

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Attachment I



**SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIATED CASES
CLOSED BETWEEN
Jan 01, 2006 and Mar 31, 2006**

CASES INVESTIGATED BY AUDITOR CONTROLLER

Case Number: 20040439

A Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) employee used her County telephone to accept personal collect calls resulting in unauthorized charges totaling more than \$2,000, and used her County computer to prepare and file fraudulent income tax returns. The employee also misused personal identifying information on clients obtained from the Welfare Case Management Information System. Disciplinary action is pending, and the case was referred to the District Attorney's Office (DA), Franchise Tax Board and Internal Revenue Service for review.

Case Number: 20050067

A DCFS employee misused her assigned County computer, Internet and email to conduct personal business and to distribute inappropriate material to her friends and co-workers. Disciplinary action is pending.

Case Number: 20050229

A Department of Animal Care and Control Officer stole bags of donated dog food in violation of Department policy. Disciplinary action is pending.

Case Number: 20050373

A Department of Health Services (DHS) employee used his County email account for correspondence related to political campaign activity. The employee was reassigned.

Case Number: 20050379

A DCFS employee falsified her mileage claims, forged her supervisor's signature and submitted it for payment. The employee also claimed overtime she did not work and removed benefit variances from her approved timecards, resulting in a total overpayment of \$9,054. Disciplinary action is pending, and the case was referred to the DA for review.

