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FROM: J. Tyler McCauley *JTM*  
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **FRAUD HOTLINE STATUS REPORT**

The Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline opened 91 new investigations during the period from 10/1/02 to 12/31/02. We closed 85 cases of which 24 were Substantiated, 40 were Not Substantiated, and 21 were not investigated due to insufficient information (See Attachments I and II for details). As of 12/31/02, 222 investigations were in progress.

Based on the 24 Substantiated cases, the following personnel actions were taken. Note: some cases may include multiple suspects and multiple dispositions.

Jailed	1
Dismissed	4
Resigned	5
Suspended	1
Counseled	2
Procedures Changed	3
Pending	11

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or have your staff call Marion Romeis at (213) 974-0353.

Attachments

C: David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer  
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Audit Committee

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Attachment I



**SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIATED CASES  
CLOSED BETWEEN**

**Oct 01, 2002 and Dec 31, 2002**

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**CASES INVESTIGATED BY AUDITOR CONTROLLER**

**Case Number: 20020199**

An Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures employee's outside business was a conflict of interest with his County job. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20020243**

Money was missing from a Department of Health Services (DHS) Patient Trust Fund. However, the parties responsible could not be identified. Fund management procedures were changed and the employee responsible for the account resigned.

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**Case Number: 20020251**

A Department of Mental Health employee inappropriately took money from a DMH client. The employee resigned.

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**Case Number: 20020282**

A Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) employee used County time and equipment to operate a personal tax business. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20020304**

A Parks & Recreation employee stole money from recreation area collections totaling \$10,000. The employee was terminated, convicted of a felony, and given a 180 day suspended sentence pending payment of restitution.

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**Case Number: 20030006**

A Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk employee stole money from certificate collections totaling \$1,200. The employee resigned.

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**Case Number: 20030024**

A Department of Children and Family Services employee used a County computer and Internet to access pornography. The employee resigned.

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**Case Number: 20030064**

A temporary Auditor-Controller employee was arrested for forgery and cashing unauthorized payroll warrants totaling \$6,066. The employee was terminated and the case was referred to the Sheriff's Department for further investigation.

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**Case Number: 20030086**

Los Angeles County warrants were forged and cashed by unidentified individuals. The bank credited the County for the loss. The case was referred to the Sheriff's Department for further investigation.

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Total Cases Investigated By Auditor Controller

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**CASES REFERRED TO AND INVESTIGATED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

**Case Number: 20010069**

DHS supplies and funds were found to be misappropriated and/or missing. However, the Department was unable to identify the responsible parties. DHS management changed procedures.

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**Case Number: 20010307**

A DPSS employee committed welfare fraud. The employee resigned and was convicted of a felony.

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**Case Number: 20020020**

Two P&R employees coded their timecards to reflect time they had not worked. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20020055**

A DPSS employee verbally threatened two co-workers and created a hostile environment. The employee was terminated.

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**Case Number: 20020120**

A DPSS employee's personal business was a conflict of interest with her County job. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20020277**

A DHS employee misused County equipment to solicit outside business. The employee also failed to report their outside employment to the Department. The employee was counseled.

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**Case Number: 20020288**

A DHS employee claimed hours not worked on their timecard. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20020311**

A DPSS employee exceeded the maximum weekly time allowed for outside employment. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20020326**

An Assessor employee inappropriately used a co-worker's Internet access for personal use. The Department changed procedures and the employee was counseled.

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**Case Number: 20030003**

Two Public Library employees fraudulently manipulated Library accounts for personal gain. The employees were terminated.

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**Case Number: 20030005**

A Library employee accessed an applicant's personal information without authorization. The employee was suspended for 20 days.

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**Case Number: 20030015**

A DPSS employee accessed confidential client information without authorization. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20030039**

A DPSS employee accessed confidential client information without authorization. The employee also violated DPSS policy by co-habiting with a client. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20030048**

A DPSS employee exceeded the maximum weekly time allowed for outside employment. Disciplinary action is pending.

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**Case Number: 20030124**

A Department of Public Works employee credited a probationer for community service hours not worked. Disciplinary action is pending. The case was also referred to the DA for possible criminal prosecution.

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Total Cases Referred To And Investigated By Other Departments	15
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**Total Number of Substantiated Cases for this period is: 24**

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*Attachment II*



**Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline**  
**CLOSED CASE SUMMARY**  
 Oct 01, 2002 through Dec 31, 2002

	<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Animal Care &amp; Control</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>Children and Family Services</i>		2 (100%)			2 (100%)
<i>Community &amp; Senior Services</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>Coroner</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>County Public Library</i>	2 (40%)	3 (60%)			5 (100%)
<i>Department of Human Resources</i>		3 (100%)			3 (100%)
<i>Department of Parks and Recreation</i>	1 (100%)				1 (100%)
<i>Department of Public Social Services</i>	7 (44%)	8 (50%)	1 (6%)		16 (100%)
<i>Department of Public Works</i>	1 (100%)				1 (100%)
<i>Health Services</i>	3 (30%)	6 (60%)	1 (10%)		10 (100%)
<i>Internal Services Department</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>Office of Assessor</i>	1 (100%)				1 (100%)
<i>Office of District Attorney</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)

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	<i>Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Substantiated</i>	<i>Not Investigated</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Pending</i>			16 (100%)		16 (100%)
<i>Probation Department</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>		1 (100%)			1 (100%)
<i>Special Investigations Unit</i>	9 (41%)	10 (45%)	3 (14%)		22 (100%)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24 28.24%</b>	<b>40 47.06%</b>	<b>21 24.71%</b>	<b>0 0.00%</b>	<b>85 100.00%</b>