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Office of Executive Inspector General's Comment Regarding the Release of OEIG's Investigation Involving – *In Re: Deyon Dean, et al., No. 09-01120, and Others*

CHICAGO, IL: – Today, the OEIG's July 3, 2012 Final Summary Report involving misconduct by Deyon Dean, Village of Riverdale Mayor and former employee of the Illinois Department of Human Services, was released.

The OEIG's multi-year investigation involving Mr. Dean revealed that, while simultaneously serving as Village of Riverdale Mayor and DHS employee, Mr. Dean spent hundreds of hours conducting personal business and Village of Riverdale business on State time. "Our comprehensive investigation relating to Mr. Dean uncovered extensive abuse," stated **Deputy Inspector General Erin Bonales**. Specifically, the OEIG investigation revealed that, while on State time, Mr. Dean:

- attended Riverdale management meetings;
- spent hundreds of hours of time on his personal and Riverdale cellular telephones; and
- used State equipment to conduct Riverdale or personal business.

In fact, "Mr. Dean's misconduct was so brazen, that even after OEIG investigators interviewed him early in our investigation about his activities, he continued to engage in misconduct," stated lead **Assistant Inspector General Tiffany Stedman**.

The failure on the part of Ivonne Sambolin, Mr. Dean's supervisor, to adequately monitor him facilitated the misconduct. In light of the extensive misconduct discovered and because Mr. Dean failed to cooperate with investigators, the OEIG recommended that Mr. Dean be terminated.

On August 17, 2012, less than two months after the OEIG issued its investigative report, Mr. Dean submitted his letter of resignation to DHS.

In addition to the Deyon Dean matter, three other OEIG investigative reports were released today, namely: *In Re: Kenneth Hannah*, 10-00096; *In Re: Corey Wells*, 11-01130; and *In Re: Derronald Ward*, 11-02080. All OEIG reports are now available on our website.

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The mission of the OEIG is to ensure accountability in State government by functioning as an independent, non-partisan State agency with responsibility, pursuant to State law, to investigate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct in relation to executive branch State agencies, boards, commissions, and State public universities and Regional Transit Boards.