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OEIG Finds DHS Employee Using State Records for Personal Gain
Employee who Improperly Accessed State Databases Resigned Earlier this Year

Chicago: Acting Executive Inspector General Thomas Klein today discussed the findings of an OEIG investigation into improper use of government records at the Department of Human Services (DHS). The investigation, made public today by the Executive Ethics Commission, found that DHS Caseworker **Laroddica White** had improperly used government databases to assist her boyfriend with his private business.

“State employees may not use confidential information from State databases for their own benefit,” said Acting EIG Klein.

DHS Caseworker **Laroddica White** was responsible for determining eligibility for benefits, among other duties. In order to fulfill her duties, she had access to confidential databases containing DHS client information, including social security numbers and current addresses. The OEIG found over two dozen instances where **Ms. White** accessed the database to obtain information to assist her boyfriend with his private business, ML Enterprises, a vehicle repossession company. After Ms. White provided confidential information to her boyfriend, his business used the information to repossess the vehicles of DHS clients.

“**Ms. White** took advantage of her State employment for her own private benefit, and she used confidential information against the interests of DHS clients,” said Deputy Inspector General Joshua I. Grant, who supervised the investigation. “Her actions violated the public trust.”

The OEIG recommended that **Ms. White** be terminated. DHS concurred and initiated termination proceedings. **Ms. White** resigned from DHS prior to the conclusion of those proceedings. The report is *In re: Laroddica White, Case #12-01662*.

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