

**City of Detroit**  
**Office of Inspector General**  
**2015 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report**  
(January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015)



December 4, 2015

### **Office of Inspector General (OIG) Complaints**

The OIG received a total of 69 complaints during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2015.

### **Office of Inspector General Initiated Case**

The OIG initiated 35 cases during this quarter. The investigations involved 13 different departments or agencies.

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b># of Investigations</b>
Law Department	1
Mayor's Office	1
Planning and Development Department	2
Municipal Parking Department	1
Finance Department	1
Information Technology Services	1
Department of Public Works	1
Development Center	1
Fire Department	1
Human Resources Department	22
Transportation Department	1
Police Department	1
City Clerk	1

### **Office of Inspector General Closed Cases**

A case is considered closed when an OIG file manager completes their investigation and the Inspector General approves a finding. During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, the OIG closed 19 cases. The following list provides a brief synopsis of each closed case.

#### **2013-NA-0032**

Complainant alleged that a Detroit Police officer was wrongfully collecting worker's compensation after filing a fraudulent disability claim. The OIG found no evidence to support the complainant's allegation.

#### **2014-DC-0026**

Complainant alleged that a City of Detroit employee abused his authority by authorizing tax abatements in exchange for campaign contributions and an interest in a condominium. While it was true that the public servant mentioned in the complaint had been a candidate for public office, the OIG found no campaign contributions which would reasonably arouse suspicion. Additionally, the timing of the alleged improper actions and of the alleged improper campaign contributions and real estate interest were not compatible. The OIG found no evidence of fraud, abuse, waste, or corruption.

**2014-NA-0098**

OIG determined that a public servant fraudulently collected unemployment benefits while working full time for the City of Detroit. The OIG investigation led to criminal charges being filed against the public servant in the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court (Exhibit A).

**2014-NA-0099**

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**2014-DF-0250**

Complainant alleged misconduct by a Detroit police officer. The OIG referred this case to the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI).

**2014-DA-0274**

Complainant alleged that DWSD public servants abused their authority by releasing the complainant's personal identifying information to a third party. The OIG found that the three public servants accused of abuse retired from the City of Detroit before the establishment of the OIG. According to the 2012 Charter of the City of Detroit, these individuals are not public servants subject to the OIG's jurisdiction. Nonetheless, there was no evidence that the former public servants engaged in inappropriate conduct.

**2014-DC-0326**

The Buildings Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) forwarded a citizen complaint to the OIG alleging that a BSEED inspector accepted money in exchange for failing to cite a property owner for code violations. The OIG was unable to substantiate the allegation.

**2014-DC-0377**

Complainant alleged that a Detroit Transportation Corporation general manager ordered employees to "paper the files" with unrelated invoices to justify grant dollar requests for a 2012 Federal Transit Administration audit. The OIG found no evidence of fraud, abuse, waste, or corruption.

**2014-DA-0389**

Complainant alleged that management staff in the General Services Department (GSD) abused their authority by denying him a salary increase. The complainant claimed that the employees who received salary increases remained in the same job classification and were hired at the same time as the complainant. The OIG found no evidence to support the allegation.

**2014-DA-0393**

Complainant alleged that she was assaulted by a Detroit Police Sergeant. The complainant also filed a complaint with Detroit Police Department's (DPD) Internal Affairs (IA) division. The OIG closed the case upon the conclusion of IA's investigation.

**2014-NA-0417**

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General requested the OIG's assistance pertaining to a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) fraud investigation. The OIG provided the agency with relevant information and closed its case.

**2014-NA-0418**

Complainant alleged that three employees in the Human Resources Department (HR) abused their authority by increasing their own salaries. The OIG found that while these employees did receive salary increases, they were due to valid promotions and not the result of an abuse of authority.

**2014-DA-0421**

Complainant alleged that a private citizen displayed a BSEED inspector's badge to express his expertise and credentials to potential clients. The OIG found no corroborating evidence to substantiate that the citizen possessed and used a BSEED badge. However, the OIG notified BSEED of this alleged abuse in case of a future incident.

**2014-DA-0422**

Complainant alleged that a Detroit Animal Control public servant abused his authority by failing to conduct a thorough investigation into an incident involving the complainant's pet. The Office of Inspector General was unable to substantiate the allegations.

**2015-DA-0003**

Complainant alleged that an OCI investigator abused her authority by harassing a Detroit Police officer during an interview. After reviewing the audio tape of the interview, the OIG determined that the OCI investigator did not abuse her authority.

**2015-DA-0004**

Complainant alleged that the City of Detroit Law Department abused its authority by denying his request for legal representation for a third party deposition. The OIG concluded that providing such representation is a matter of discretion per the Charter of the City of Detroit Section 7.5-203. Therefore, the OIG found no evidence of fraud, abuse, waste, or corruption.

**2015-NA-0017**

Complainant alleged that a City of Detroit contractor refused to pay him for completed work as a subcontractor at the Detroit Police Department's 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct. The OIG closed its case after referring it to the Detroit Building Authority.

**2015-DA-0024**

Complainant alleged that a Board of Police Commission member violated the City of Detroit Charter and his oath of office by engaging in inappropriate behavior during meetings and having unprofessional communication with a Detroit Police Department captain. The OIG was unable to substantiate the allegations.

**2015-DC-0036**

Complainant alleged that a BSEED inspector abused his authority by displaying unprofessional and offensive behavior during an inspection. In addition, the complainant suspected that the inspector was working for a rival business and was not inspecting the property in response to a legitimate complaint. The OIG was unable to substantiate the allegations.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
36 JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COMPLAINT  
MISDEMEANOR

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CIRCUIT:  
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MSP#:

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Circuit Court ORI MI- MI821095J

AG ORI: MI820025A

11-053401

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

v

ANGELA ARLENE PHILLIPS

Co-defendant(s)

Victim or complainant

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
UNEMPLOYMENT INS AGENCY

Complaining Witness  
S/A CHARLES BRADLEY  
S/A MARK KACHAR

Date: On or about  
07/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

Defendant DOB

City/Twp./Village  
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Defendant SID

Charge(s)  
See Below

Maximum Penalty  
See Below

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COUNT 1: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FRAUD - FALSE STATEMENT/MISREPRESENTATION - LOSS OF \$1,000 TO \$25,000

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Warrant authorized on 4/24/14 by:

Date

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Security for costs posted

Complaining witness signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 4/24/14 Date

Judge/Magistrate/Clerk

Bar no

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