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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2014

We found the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues and expenditures of the District Attorney’s Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. Grant revenues and expenditures incurred for FY 2014 were \$512,239 and \$455,457, respectively.

AUDIT NO: 1413
REPORT DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2014

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Transmittal Letter



Audit No. 1413 October 24, 2014

TO: Tony Rackauckas
District Attorney

FROM: Dr. Peter Hughes, CPA, Director
Internal Audit Department

SUBJECT: Financial Statement Audit: Orange County
District Attorney's Organized Automobile Fraud
Activity Interdiction Program

Attached is our report on the Audit of the Orange County District Attorney's Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Each month I submit an **Audit Status Report** to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) where I detail any material and significant audit findings released in reports during the prior month and the implementation status of audit recommendations as disclosed by our Follow-Up Audits. Accordingly, the results of this audit will be included in a future status report to the BOS.

Additionally, we will request your department complete a **Customer Survey** of Audit Services. You will receive the survey shortly after the distribution of our final report.

Attachments

Other recipients of this report listed on the **Independent Auditor's Report** on page 2.

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Orange County District Attorney's
Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program
Audit No. 1413

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2014

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October 24, 2014

Audit No. 1413

California Department of Insurance
Fraud Division/Local Assistance Programs
9342 Tech Center Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95826

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual and the related notes to the financial statement, of the Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independent Auditor's Report



In accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2014 on our consideration of the OCDA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of their compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues and expenditures of the OCDA's Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, in conformity with the basis described in Note 2.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the OCDA, the Audit Oversight Committee and for filing with the California Department of Insurance and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Hughes".

Dr. Peter Hughes, CPA, Director
Internal Audit Department

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ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
California Department of Insurance Grant Receipts (Note 4)	\$ 512,239	\$ 512,239	\$ -
Approved Prior Year Carry-Over Funds (Note 4)	-	-	-
Interest Income (Note 6)	-	-	-
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 512,239</u>	<u>\$ 512,239</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
 <u>Expenditures:</u>			
Salaries and Benefits (Note 3.A)	464,904	411,063	53,841
Operating Expenditures (Note 3.B)	47,335	44,394	2,941
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 512,239</u>	<u>\$ 455,457</u>	<u>\$ 56,782</u>
 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures (Note 5)		 <u>\$ 56,782</u>	 <u>\$ 56,782</u>

See Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to Financial Statement.



ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S

ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD ACTIVITY INTERDICTION PROGRAM

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

NOTE 1 – BACKGROUND

The Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Unit (Unit) utilizes various forms of investigative techniques and scientific aids in order to detect, investigate, and bring to justice perpetrators of organized automobile fraud activity in Orange County. The OCDA applied for, and was awarded funding for the Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program (Program), by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The Program funds provide for enhanced investigation and prosecution of fraudulent organized automobile insurance claims. The funds are available to local district attorneys under provisions of Section 1874.8 of the California Insurance Code.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The OCDA presents its revenues and expenditures on an accrual basis in accordance with State of California, Department of Insurance Fraud Grant Financial Audit Guidelines. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenditures are recognized when incurred. The accompanying financial statement is not intended to present the financial position and results of the OCDA's operations.

NOTE 3 – EXPENDITURES

Expenditures were made for the purposes of the program as specified in Section 1874.8 of the California Insurance Code and California Code of Regulations, Title 10, Section 2698.73 and the County Requirements Upon Award of Grant, Section II, in the Request for Application.

A. Salaries and Benefits

Expenditures charged to the Program are limited to personnel funded by the grant. These expenditures include salaries and benefits of attorneys and investigators directly involved with the Program. Also included are the salaries and benefits of support personnel (paralegal). County of Orange policies and procedures were used to verify the appropriateness of personnel costs. Personnel time charged to the Program was appropriately certified by Program personnel.

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B. Operating Expenditures

Operating expenditures include transportation supplement/allowance, travel/transportation/training, communication expenses, building lease to house program staff, office supplies, audit costs, undercover expenses, and indirect costs. A flat indirect cost rate of ten (10) percent was used for the year ended June 30, 2014. Indirect costs were calculated by applying the indirect cost rate to direct salaries. Direct charges to the Program are not included in the calculation of indirect costs charged to the Program.

C. Equipment

During the audit period, no equipment was budgeted nor purchased for the Program.

NOTE 4 – FUNDING AMOUNTS

California Department of Insurance

The OCDA was awarded \$512,239 and received four (4) installments (\$145,900 on March 14, 2014, \$115,516 on July 9, 2014, \$117,032 on September 11, 2014 and \$133,791 on October 24, 2014). There were no carry-over funds from fiscal year 2012-13.

NOTE 5 – EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES

Current year's revenues over expenditures: \$56,782

Carry-over funds for the year ended June 30, 2014 are \$56,782. The District Attorney will submit a budget request to CDI for the carry-over amount for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

NOTE 6 – INTEREST INCOME

There was no interest income for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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OTHER REPORTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF A FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

October 24, 2014

California Department of Insurance
Fraud Division/Local Assistance Programs
9342 Tech Center Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95826

We have audited the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual, of the Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 2014. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

In planning and performing our audit of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual, of the OCDA's Organized Automobile Fraud Activity Interdiction Program for the year ended June 30, 2014, we considered the OCDA's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the OCDA's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the OCDA's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the second paragraph above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

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Sincerely,

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Dr. Peter Hughes, CPA, Director
Internal Audit Department

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF A FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the OCDA's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of their compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the OCDA, the Audit Oversight Committee, and the California Department of Insurance and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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