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Fraud Investigation Report Summary July – September 2004

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Data Reports (RADR) internet website at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
July, August and September 2004
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
July, August and September 2004
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
April, May and June 2004 (as complete July, August and September 2004 data was not available)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights July – September 2004

Investigation Requests

- 37,286 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 12,429 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.49% of the 499,810 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during July – September 2004).
- 36,471 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 37,286 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 23,599 (65%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 4,847 (13%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ 4,613 (13%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 3,412 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 94,753 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 58,282 (62%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 36,471 (38%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 34,933 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 37% of the 94,753 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 12,356 (35%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 22,577 (65%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 34,933 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 6,246 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 2,568 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 2,261 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,428 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 703 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 191 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 72 (.21%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 34,933 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,142 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 2,481 (79%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 661 (21%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,142 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ 563 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 563 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ 707 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$5,318,078 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,177,229 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights July – September 2004

Investigation Requests

- 55,409 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 18,470 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.54% of the 728,061 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during April – June 2004, as complete July – September 2004 data was not available).
- 54,185 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 55,409 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 31,824 (59%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 9,134 (17%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ 8,985 (16%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 4,242 (8%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 145,097 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 90,912 (63%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 54,185 (37%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 48,916 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 34% of the 145,097 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 16,889 (35%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 32,027 (65%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 48,916 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 8,811 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 3,443 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 2,701 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 2,074 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 823 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 226 (.46%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 99 (.20%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 48,916 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,941 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 3,154 (80%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 787 (20%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,941 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ 630 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 16% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 630 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ 762 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$3,750,964 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,312,523 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**July – September 2004**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	26	21	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco			✓	
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

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TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 2004

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	499,810	37,286	36,471	34,933	12,356	22,577	59,905
Alameda	19,279	605	605	598	255	343	749
Alpine	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	266	28	28	67	17	50	72
Butte	4,036	308	307	290	137	153	595
Calaveras	387	97	97	100	32	68	0
Colusa	189	12	12	21	2	19	37
Contra Costa	8,741	385	371	345	187	158	134
Del Norte	901	20	20	6	2	4	77
El Dorado	1,033	85	85	101	41	60	503
Fresno	23,602	342	316	374	78	296	925
Glenn	473	108	108	97	26	71	88
Humboldt	2,058	120	120	136	54	82	79
Imperial	3,961	179	179	129	113	16	650
Inyo	131	6	6	0	0	0	28
Kern	17,508	1,161	1,145	1,045	570	475	702
Kings	2,614	521	521	537	123	414	372
Lake	1,467	136	136	122	65	57	97
Lassen	487	30	30	30	8	22	1
Los Angeles	170,495	8,482	8,152	7,207	2,090	5,117	38,221
Madera	3,151	617	617	549	73	476	313
Marin	961	44	44	38	25	13	451
Mariposa	202	12	12	3	1	2	41
Mendocino	1,543	97	97	140	103	37	372
Merced	6,873	450	434	331	195	136	374
Modoc	269	98	98	73	18	55	17
Mono	67	7	6	1	1	0	5
Monterey	4,488	215	210	194	52	142	166
Napa	470	10	10	85	26	59	114
Nevada	589	30	23	28	8	20	66
Orange	17,984	2,616	2,612	2,657	1,434	1,223	895
Placer	1,368	35	35	19	11	8	145
Plumas	164	28	28	24	18	6	12
Riverside	21,075	5,473	5,450	5,703	997	4,706	661
Sacramento	28,991	1,477	1,414	1,331	719	612	1,147
San Benito	694	33	33	39	27	12	14
San Bernardino	36,415	2,665	2,665	2,384	945	1,439	1,553
San Diego	24,250	4,138	3,987	3,972	1,270	2,702	1,167
San Francisco	6,267	302	302	246	234	12	1,887
San Joaquin	13,642	179	179	197	129	68	398
San Luis Obispo	1,741	169	169	128	67	61	262
San Mateo	2,611	218	218	63	37	26	269
Santa Barbara	4,057	165	165	184	77	107	199
Santa Clara	15,130	445	382	393	179	214	403
Santa Cruz	1,946	431	431	362	27	335	100
Shasta	3,359	255	255	304	203	101	595
Sierra	31	13	13	17	1	16	2
Siskiyou	882	249	249	284	153	131	41
Solano	4,677	1,191	1,182	1,186	376	810	941
Sonoma	2,905	147	146	168	73	95	348
Stanislaus	9,151	622	551	508	293	215	1,040
Sutter	1,114	285	285	312	133	179	77
Tehama	1,281	126	126	119	16	103	46
Trinity	199	35	34	35	5	30	40
Tulare	13,112	250	246	206	35	171	1,237
Tuolumne	639	167	158	165	82	83	73
Ventura	5,729	460	460	444	164	280	555
Yolo	2,215	156	156	97	38	59	498
Yuba	1,926	751	751	739	311	428	51

a/ Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2004 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 July 2004 Item 4 was 58,282.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 2004

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	23,599	4,613	3,412	1,215	859	292	2,481
Alameda	473	25	47	20	1	8	31
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	1	4	10	7	0	6
Butte	4	10	113	28	25	3	124
Calaveras	67	0	8	0	6	0	16
Colusa	0	1	3	0	1	0	7
Contra Costa	175	97	15	20	0	2	62
Del Norte	1	0	10	3	0	0	6
El Dorado	7	8	30	10	4	11	15
Fresno	67	133	65	40	5	1	5
Glenn	43	3	25	10	15	6	6
Humboldt	44	1	34	7	2	3	29
Imperial	122	4	14	3	20	14	2
Inyo	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	597	28	266	99	25	12	118
Kings	407	1	65	17	25	0	6
Lake	3	11	68	12	12	0	30
Lassen	23	0	4	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	3,994	2,504	474	189	0	35	956
Madera	526	20	36	13	4	2	16
Marin	6	15	8	5	5	1	4
Mariposa	0	2	5	1	0	0	4
Mendocino	11	61	10	6	1	1	7
Merced	155	60	105	25	36	1	52
Modoc	80	0	11	5	0	0	2
Mono	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Monterey	96	6	16	1	3	0	88
Napa	1	0	4	1	2	0	2
Nevada	4	1	11	2	4	1	0
Orange	2,293	153	35	32	10	2	87
Placer	0	0	24	4	2	0	5
Plumas	14	5	4	1	1	1	2
Riverside	4,819	105	350	46	11	11	108
Sacramento	906	272	73	45	21	2	95
San Benito	0	6	6	9	1	2	9
San Bernardino	1,600	19	491	111	363	39	42
San Diego	3,570	234	54	49	3	2	75
San Francisco	101	178	0	0	0	0	23
San Joaquin	143	11	16	3	1	1	4
San Luis Obispo	40	14	56	24	14	2	19
San Mateo	57	1	55	55	20	12	18
Santa Barbara	48	7	54	16	13	0	27
Santa Clara	271	43	48	3	1	12	4
Santa Cruz	147	199	45	32	0	2	6
Shasta	117	0	98	19	1	0	20
Sierra	0	0	1	3	7	2	0
Siskiyou	78	0	36	16	33	81	5
Solano	916	119	74	29	14	3	27
Sonoma	25	45	28	9	0	2	37
Stanislaus	127	120	134	30	51	4	85
Sutter	218	0	23	16	12	1	15
Tehama	24	0	33	21	26	4	18
Trinity	8	11	5	2	2	0	6
Tulare	0	37	124	38	19	4	24
Tuolumne	120	4	22	5	3	0	4
Ventura	424	0	2	20	0	0	14
Yolo	63	20	27	20	6	0	20
Yuba	558	18	43	29	18	0	85

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 2004

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	6,246	703	72	2,568	1,428	2,261	191
Alameda	201	24	0	11	3	16	5
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	17	0	0
Butte	56	12	0	27	44	8	1
Calaveras	17	0	0	0	15	0	3
Colusa	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Contra Costa	39	8	3	65	0	72	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
El Dorado	0	1	0	12	3	26	0
Fresno	13	37	16	0	12	0	16
Glenn	7	1	0	1	16	1	0
Humboldt	20	5	0	10	27	2	0
Imperial	45	2	0	1	9	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	219	51	0	38	200	60	0
Kings	81	3	0	5	17	17	0
Lake	7	9	0	28	26	12	1
Lassen	6	0	0	0	2	0	0
Los Angeles	1,106	121	0	688	34	701	0
Madera	7	14	0	21	28	3	0
Marin	0	1	0	5	14	5	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mendocino	2	2	0	96	2	1	3
Merced	20	38	0	26	119	8	0
Modoc	10	1	0	1	5	2	0
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	51	4	0	1	18	3	65
Napa	0	1	0	4	14	7	14
Nevada	2	0	0	0	5	1	1
Orange	865	35	7	212	325	181	17
Placer	2	2	0	6	2	0	0
Plumas	4	0	0	3	4	7	0
Riverside	769	43	0	172	2	4	0
Sacramento	336	15	0	323	42	3	1
San Benito	7	2	0	3	13	2	0
San Bernardino	355	30	1	50	20	489	0
San Diego	802	48	37	315	2	155	0
San Francisco	13	1	0	0	11	0	0
San Joaquin	73	36	0	1	6	12	3
San Luis Obispo	18	10	1	11	35	1	0
San Mateo	34	5	1	16	36	11	0
Santa Barbara	17	15	0	28	28	7	0
Santa Clara	120	28	0	7	0	24	6
Santa Cruz	20	0	0	6	0	1	0
Shasta	65	11	0	23	19	85	4
Sierra	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	18	0	0	26	44	65	20
Solano	219	10	0	103	12	32	12
Sonoma	13	2	2	60	33	45	4
Stanislaus	63	9	4	96	105	105	7
Sutter	66	2	0	20	16	32	0
Tehama	4	1	0	1	7	5	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	7	4	1
Tulare	0	23	0	3	6	3	6
Tuolumne	50	4	0	4	2	23	0
Ventura	156	8	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	16	12	0	6	2	2	0
Yuba	232	14	0	32	17	16	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 2004

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	661	3,142	563	93
Alameda	24	422	12	35
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	6	13	2	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	5	24	4	1
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	3	0	0
Fresno	37	98	19	1
Glenn	1	1	1	0
Humboldt	6	8	2	1
Imperial	1	42	0	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0
Kern	46	71	33	1
Kings	3	5	3	2
Lake	8	21	10	2
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	121	244	91	18
Madera	14	14	14	0
Marin	1	2	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	8	2	0
Merced	41	750	21	4
Modoc	1	1	1	0
Mono	1	4	0	1
Monterey	4	43	2	0
Napa	1	22	1	0
Nevada	0	4	4	0
Orange	27	76	42	0
Placer	1	47	2	0
Plumas	0	4	0	0
Riverside	38	49	43	2
Sacramento	15	421	16	1
San Benito	2	2	0	2
San Bernardino	30	31	30	0
San Diego	48	63	54	1
San Francisco	1	98	0	0
San Joaquin	36	148	29	7
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	5	5	0
Santa Barbara	15	15	13	2
Santa Clara	28	42	21	1
Santa Cruz	2	2	0	0
Shasta	11	20	12	0
Sierra	1	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	10	165	0	1
Sonoma	3	9	1	1
Stanislaus	10	11	10	1
Sutter	2	2	2	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	23	23	20	3
Tuolumne	4	6	1	3
Ventura	8	40	8	1
Yolo	12	12	12	0
Yuba	9	42	19	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2004 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2004's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 2004

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	707	10	38	104	171	1	59	1
Alameda	19	0	0	0	14	0	35	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	0	0	3	2	0	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	65	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	93	0	0	1	11	0	0	0
Kings	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	106	0	0	0	62	0	0	0
Madera	15	3	9	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	0
Merced	22	0	0	0	15	0	6	0
Modoc	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	11	0	0	0
Napa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	59	6	0	0	5	1	0	0
Placer	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	47	0	0	52	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	20	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
San Diego	60	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	23	0	0	0	4	0	7	0
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	19	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	16	0	1	0	2	0	0	1
Sierra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	11	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sonoma	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	0	0	29	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yolo	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	3	0	12	5	6	0	5	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 2004

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$5,318,078	\$6,177,229
Alameda	165,609	543,485
Alpine	0	0
Amador	174	1,196
Butte	24,303	7,631
Calaveras	0	1,468
Colusa	0	80
Contra Costa	71,927	59,903
Del Norte	9,826	3,159
El Dorado	22,148	22,073
Fresno	148,501	193,148
Glenn	17,891	5,692
Humboldt	34,090	15,718
Imperial	0	350
Inyo	0	1,290
Kern	165,611	114,164
Kings	38,583	78,070
Lake	7,246	6,050
Lassen	378	1,642
Los Angeles	1,041,514	1,776,849
Madera	33,651	17,550
Marin	16,352	21,913
Mariposa	8,416	2,163
Mendocino	67,536	19,634
Merced a/	58,639	0
Modoc	0	300
Mono	0	0
Monterey	20,536	55,965
Napa	8,801	12,674
Nevada	0	3,716
Orange	273,682	140,157
Placer	62,642	42,446
Plumas	215	1,978
Riverside	202,260	241,705
Sacramento	534,201	560,959
San Benito	15,660	28,824
San Bernardino	15,735	165,037
San Diego	426,330	485,946
San Francisco	116,753	172,905
San Joaquin	88,216	44,826
San Luis Obispo	24,745	3,715
San Mateo	25,287	4,067
Santa Barbara	69,630	262,185
Santa Clara	776,903	540,647
Santa Cruz	415	13,533
Shasta	47,303	14,806
Sierra	5,708	326
Siskiyou	80,000	78,000
Solano	122,915	117,076
Sonoma	36,694	103,502
Stanislaus a/	212,319	0
Sutter	10,652	4,970
Tehama	0	2,166
Trinity	0	908
Tulare	115,847	0
Tuolumne	12,876	13,738
Ventura	11,473	115,955
Yolo	47,776	35,474
Yuba	20,109	15,495

a/ Collections data is incomplete due to C-IV programming.

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 2004

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	728,061	55,409	54,185	48,916	16,889	32,027	96,179
Alameda	25,114	1,518	1,518	1,475	548	927	779
Alpine	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	448	33	33	81	19	62	87
Butte	6,613	291	290	276	150	126	577
Calaveras	775	221	221	231	62	169	0
Colusa	436	13	13	21	2	19	50
Contra Costa	10,499	546	532	457	271	186	221
Del Norte	1,452	42	42	16	6	10	97
El Dorado	1,712	137	137	155	73	82	529
Fresno	34,608	372	345	411	85	326	670
Glenn	797	250	250	210	55	155	247
Humboldt	4,482	185	183	194	86	108	108
Imperial	5,429	188	188	135	117	18	713
Inyo	398	6	6	0	0	0	37
Kern	25,436	1,456	1,438	1,335	804	531	756
Kings	4,641	690	690	713	181	532	472
Lake	1,882	186	186	178	81	97	131
Lassen	758	34	34	34	11	23	1
Los Angeles	277,604	16,084	15,515	11,384	2,880	8,504	67,806
Madera	5,193	909	909	816	100	716	439
Marin	2,113	106	106	103	57	46	1,120
Mariposa	328	21	21	6	3	3	62
Mendocino	3,180	71	71	118	71	47	454
Merced	0	756	628	464	302	162	467
Modoc	310	163	163	163	52	111	76
Mono	132	3	3	0	0	0	3
Monterey	6,960	328	322	298	73	225	170
Napa	1,021	30	30	131	46	85	188
Nevada	933	51	44	54	25	29	82
Orange	29,809	2,926	2,920	3,010	1,847	1,163	1,006
Placer	2,116	46	46	26	14	12	162
Plumas	259	36	36	32	22	10	21
Riverside	25,614	9,710	9,684	10,019	1,848	8,171	889
Sacramento	37,933	1,304	1,252	1,407	899	508	3,210
San Benito	1,085	39	39	45	33	12	26
San Bernardino	47,786	1,593	1,593	856	452	404	925
San Diego	30,028	4,020	3,870	3,834	1,413	2,421	1,040
San Francisco	19,730	711	711	552	480	72	3,852
San Joaquin	11,456	182	182	195	137	58	434
San Luis Obispo	2,961	231	231	191	101	90	330
San Mateo	3,710	374	374	93	53	40	445
Santa Barbara	7,107	278	278	313	140	173	265
Santa Clara	22,186	1,137	1,052	1,052	368	684	444
Santa Cruz	4,268	1,311	1,311	1,257	134	1,123	134
Shasta	5,246	351	351	422	285	137	697
Sierra	49	11	11	17	0	17	0
Siskiyou	1,559	664	664	712	390	322	71
Solano	6,223	1,436	1,427	1,380	401	979	1,152
Sonoma	5,541	344	344	313	106	207	665
Stanislaus	0	786	696	685	410	275	1,310
Sutter	1,716	415	415	444	197	247	127
Tehama	2,083	125	125	119	16	103	45
Trinity	336	46	45	43	5	38	59
Tulare	19,486	317	313	259	33	226	1,173
Tuolumne	984	343	314	321	156	165	116
Ventura	9,581	580	580	537	188	349	461
Yolo	3,281	235	235	169	75	94	725
Yuba	2,641	1,168	1,168	1,154	526	628	53

a/ Data is the monthly average of the Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2004 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 July 2004 Item 4 was 90,912.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 2004

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	31,824	8,985	4,242	2,079	1,198	507	5,350
Alameda	565	30	47	76	1	8	791
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	1	4	13	8	1	6
Butte	4	11	103	31	35	5	101
Calaveras	182	0	8	0	7	8	16
Colusa	0	2	3	0	1	0	7
Contra Costa	235	173	24	20	0	4	76
Del Norte	9	0	13	3	2	0	15
El Dorado	14	16	36	16	5	17	33
Fresno	77	133	70	52	8	1	4
Glenn	99	8	36	29	47	15	16
Humboldt	44	1	44	13	7	4	70
Imperial	126	4	15	5	22	14	2
Inyo	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	724	34	318	139	31	13	179
Kings	539	7	81	28	25	0	10
Lake	6	13	83	16	20	0	48
Lassen	27	0	4	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	5,948	5,575	838	773	0	48	2,333
Madera	790	28	46	17	6	3	19
Marin	10	30	8	5	6	3	44
Mariposa	5	2	7	0	0	3	4
Mendocino	13	17	11	6	4	1	19
Merced	210	133	112	31	41	0	101
Modoc	133	0	15	11	2	0	2
Mono	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Monterey	106	6	15	1	3	0	191
Napa	2	0	7	4	4	0	13
Nevada	18	1	13	2	7	2	1
Orange	2,566	225	36	34	11	2	46
Placer	0	0	26	4	4	1	11
Plumas	22	5	5	1	1	1	1
Riverside	8,797	132	523	50	12	12	158
Sacramento	602	403	72	44	19	2	110
San Benito	0	12	6	9	1	2	9
San Bernardino	357	17	519	85	466	54	95
San Diego	3,340	386	59	62	4	2	17
San Francisco	149	418	0	0	0	0	144
San Joaquin	139	16	15	3	1	1	7
San Luis Obispo	53	21	60	32	23	4	38
San Mateo	84	1	96	84	42	19	48
Santa Barbara	120	11	53	24	16	1	53
Santa Clara	923	58	51	4	1	12	3
Santa Cruz	789	415	49	37	6	3	12
Shasta	188	0	111	29	2	0	21
Sierra	0	1	1	3	6	0	0
Siskiyou	302	0	43	27	63	218	11
Solano	1,098	164	77	35	19	3	31
Sonoma	28	141	29	10	4	2	130
Stanislaus	144	221	146	34	55	4	92
Sutter	338	0	26	23	18	1	9
Tehama	24	0	33	21	26	4	17
Trinity	18	11	6	2	2	0	6
Tulare	0	48	139	45	56	5	20
Tuolumne	268	4	20	5	8	1	8
Ventura	527	0	2	24	0	0	27
Yolo	108	32	32	27	9	1	26
Yuba	948	18	46	29	28	1	98

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 2004

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	8,811	823	99	3,443	2,074	2,701	226
Alameda	437	26	0	31	38	16	7
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	19	0	0
Butte	72	14	0	16	47	9	1
Calaveras	46	0	0	0	15	0	10
Colusa	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Contra Costa	68	8	4	105	0	86	0
Del Norte	3	0	0	1	2	0	0
El Dorado	0	1	0	18	8	45	0
Fresno	13	35	24	0	13	0	14
Glenn	12	1	0	3	38	1	0
Humboldt	34	5	0	21	41	7	0
Imperial	47	2	0	1	9	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	357	52	0	42	282	72	0
Kings	117	11	0	9	23	21	0
Lake	7	11	0	35	35	13	1
Lassen	8	0	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	1,557	136	0	862	97	958	0
Madera	10	18	0	25	44	3	0
Marin	3	1	1	10	31	11	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mendocino	2	1	0	49	6	13	7
Merced	22	61	0	62	165	7	0
Modoc	26	1	0	1	13	11	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	67	5	0	1	21	4	58
Napa	5	1	0	9	20	11	16
Nevada	13	0	0	2	8	2	2
Orange	1,072	43	12	303	463	157	4
Placer	5	2	0	6	3	0	0
Plumas	7	0	0	3	5	7	0
Riverside	1,564	48	0	219	2	7	0
Sacramento	347	12	0	507	30	3	0
San Benito	7	2	0	6	16	2	0
San Bernardino	0	42	1	56	25	385	0
San Diego	791	55	47	477	2	145	0
San Francisco	16	2	0	0	47	0	0
San Joaquin	79	36	0	1	3	15	1
San Luis Obispo	26	11	1	16	57	1	2
San Mateo	48	7	1	32	47	15	0
Santa Barbara	43	25	0	59	34	10	0
Santa Clara	296	30	0	11	1	30	7
Santa Cruz	115	0	0	15	3	1	0
Shasta	108	28	0	15	25	109	4
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	97	0	0	42	71	180	20
Solano	275	10	0	65	14	37	47
Sonoma	13	2	2	83	41	57	6
Stanislaus	80	12	6	148	137	140	9
Sutter	109	1	0	23	21	48	0
Tehama	4	1	0	1	7	5	0
Trinity	5	0	0	0	8	4	1
Tulare	0	22	0	2	6	3	8
Tuolumne	110	5	0	8	2	32	0
Ventura	186	2	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	30	24	0	11	3	4	0
Yuba	451	11	0	31	21	12	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 2004

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	787	3,941	630	150
Alameda	26	320	10	59
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	7	17	2	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	5	22	4	1
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	3	0	0
Fresno	35	65	18	0
Glenn	1	1	1	0
Humboldt	6	8	2	1
Imperial	1	43	0	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0
Kern	46	70	35	2
Kings	12	17	11	4
Lake	10	26	9	2
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	136	807	85	19
Madera	18	18	18	0
Marin	1	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	9	2	0
Merced	64	999	35	9
Modoc	1	2	3	0
Mono	0	3	0	0
Monterey	5	48	2	0
Napa	1	25	1	0
Nevada	0	4	4	0
Orange	36	83	52	0
Placer	1	55	1	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	45	59	50	4
Sacramento	12	321	13	1
San Benito	2	3	0	2
San Bernardino	42	43	41	1
San Diego	55	101	58	2
San Francisco	2	143	0	0
San Joaquin	37	171	29	8
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	8	6	0
Santa Barbara	25	25	21	4
Santa Clara	30	44	20	2
Santa Cruz	2	2	0	0
Shasta	28	38	10	18
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	10	161	0	1
Sonoma	3	10	1	1
Stanislaus	13	16	15	1
Sutter	1	1	1	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	22	22	19	3
Tuolumne	5	8	2	3
Ventura	3	33	3	1
Yolo	24	24	24	0
Yuba	8	48	22	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2004 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2004's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 2004

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	762	13	43	103	188	1	97	0
Alameda	20	0	0	0	20	0	59	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	5	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	0	0	3	2	0	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	99	0	0	1	11	0	0	0
Kings	8	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	98	0	0	0	58	0	0	0
Madera	20	3	13	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	5	0	0	5	3	0	0	0
Merced	34	0	0	0	22	0	15	0
Modoc	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Napa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	70	8	0	0	5	1	0	0
Placer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	49	0	0	54	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	24	0	0	0	28	0	0	0
San Diego	65	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	24	0	0	0	6	0	8	0
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	14	2	5	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Clara	19	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	16	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sonoma	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	0	0	28	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yolo	26	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yuba	3	0	11	6	5	0	8	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 2004

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,750,964	\$2,312,523
Alameda	80,230	210,658
Alpine	0	0
Amador	167	960
Butte	14,176	6,220
Calaveras	0	1,582
Colusa	0	695
Contra Costa	67,442	13,584
Del Norte	9,213	3,359
El Dorado	17,440	9,671
Fresno	98,115	62,648
Glenn	12,249	4,003
Humboldt	53,834	8,375
Imperial	0	350
Inyo	0	517
Kern	138,850	77,316
Kings	29,131	49,325
Lake	6,986	2,366
Lassen	2,454	217
Los Angeles	524,929	202,483
Madera	23,594	23,760
Marin	8,121	17,304
Mariposa	1,546	1,018
Mendocino	38,365	19,139
Merced a/	76,968	0
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	5,042	29,044
Napa	5,737	9,039
Nevada	635	3,907
Orange	214,279	96,119
Placer	19,377	11,844
Plumas	99	722
Riverside	191,548	219,875
Sacramento	553,397	190,073
San Benito	13,306	6,328
San Bernardino	11,423	137,856
San Diego	320,671	100,409
San Francisco	133,349	125,959
San Joaquin	51,602	25,130
San Luis Obispo	15,412	7,332
San Mateo	23,963	3,693
Santa Barbara	45,230	64,467
Santa Clara	369,962	130,517
Santa Cruz	6,170	9,820
Shasta	27,679	8,893
Sierra	90	635
Siskiyou	123,000	125,000
Solano	53,431	108,965
Sonoma	33,668	53,277
Stanislaus a/	157,383	0
Sutter	12,443	5,378
Tehama	0	2,171
Trinity	0	1,086
Tulare	89,483	0
Tuolumne	6,024	5,928
Ventura	13,094	82,928
Yolo	34,509	24,979
Yuba	15,148	5,600

a/ Collections data is incomplete due to C-IV programming.



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