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Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 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
October, November and December 2004
Note: Prior data (September 2004) was used for San Bernardino County because the county's October, November and December 2004 reports were incomplete due to C-IV programming.
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
October, November and December 2004
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
January, February and March 2004 (as October, November and December 2004 reports were incomplete due to C-IV programming).

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 October – December 2004

Investigation Requests

- 33,895 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 11,298 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.26% of the 499,226 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2004).
- 33,049 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 33,895 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 21,599 (66%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 4,944 (15%) 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.
 - ▶ 3,737 (11%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 2,769 (8%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 91,448 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 58,399 (64%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 33,049 (36%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 32,776 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 36% of the 91,448 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 10,484 (32%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 22,292 (68%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 32,776 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 5,347 (16%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 1,971 (6%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 1,853 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,267 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 650 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 84 (.26%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 57 (.17%) 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 32,776 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 2,488 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 1,899 (76%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 589 (24%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 2,488 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ 521 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 21% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 521 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ 537 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$4,564,878 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$5,269,227 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 2004

Investigation Requests

- 48,945 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 16,315 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.24% of the 726,865 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2004, as October – December 2004 data was incomplete due to C-IV programming).
- 47,733 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 48,945 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 28,614 (60%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 8,268 (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.
 - ▶ 7,559 (16%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 3,292 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 142,853 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 95,120 (67%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 47,733 (33%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 46,139 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 32% of the 142,853 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 14,283 (31%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 31,856 (69%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 46,139 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 7,617 (17%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 2,755 (6%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 2,111 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,630 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 747 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 103 (.22%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 103 (.22%) 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 46,139 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,122 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 2,435 (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 687 (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,122 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ 568 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 568 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ 588 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$3,455,208 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,792,315 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**October – December 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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Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 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	499,226	33,895	33,049	32,776	10,484	22,292	58,081
Alameda	19,272	439	439	398	195	203	790
Alpine	13	4	4	0	0	0	2
Amador	267	28	28	27	12	15	73
Butte	4,050	264	258	260	119	141	591
Calaveras	392	129	129	129	31	98	0
Colusa	198	15	15	2	0	2	50
Contra Costa	8,870	264	240	234	138	96	131
Del Norte	916	16	16	12	7	5	81
El Dorado	1,051	104	80	73	37	36	510
Fresno	24,069	624	619	331	149	182	1,213
Glenn	476	81	81	73	10	63	96
Humboldt	2,070	141	141	115	36	79	104
Imperial	4,020	118	118	81	73	8	687
Inyo	140	4	4	1	1	0	31
Kern	17,733	887	867	878	419	459	691
Kings	2,663	430	430	428	109	319	387
Lake	1,417	87	87	96	52	44	88
Lassen	527	32	32	26	6	20	7
Los Angeles	169,296	8,046	7,631	8,543	1,892	6,651	37,398
Madera	3,153	571	571	560	48	512	324
Marin	961	15	15	49	30	19	417
Mariposa	197	9	9	0	0	0	50
Mendocino	1,578	114	113	41	25	16	444
Merced	6,923	269	259	240	163	77	408
Modoc	182	87	87	82	17	65	47
Mono	56	1	0	1	1	0	4
Monterey	4,510	340	324	173	70	103	212
Napa	505	25	25	8	5	3	131
Nevada	591	17	15	19	8	11	62
Orange	17,767	2,270	2,258	2,293	1,223	1,070	860
Placer	1,381	48	48	34	12	22	159
Plumas	166	28	28	36	25	11	4
Riverside	21,202	5,758	5,737	5,573	980	4,593	825
Sacramento	28,832	1,316	1,259	1,154	610	544	1,252
San Benito	687	22	22	17	8	9	19
San Bernardino	35,673	2,160	2,160	1,626	561	1,065	0
San Diego	24,235	3,718	3,628	3,654	1,051	2,603	1,141
San Francisco	6,187	343	343	292	289	3	1,938
San Joaquin	13,911	162	162	216	129	87	344
San Luis Obispo	1,757	98	98	98	59	39	262
San Mateo	2,554	226	226	73	29	44	436
Santa Barbara	4,216	183	183	190	90	100	192
Santa Clara	14,979	370	305	477	155	322	231
Santa Cruz	1,997	383	383	181	19	162	302
Shasta	3,664	206	206	314	215	99	487
Sierra	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	901	256	256	251	149	102	46
Solano	4,692	762	758	754	247	507	911
Sonoma	2,894	76	76	126	51	75	298
Stanislaus	9,107	515	461	464	264	200	1,037
Sutter	1,152	252	252	270	93	177	59
Tehama	1,260	103	103	75	19	56	74
Trinity	198	20	20	24	0	24	36
Tulare	13,085	185	177	472	54	418	942
Tuolumne	641	137	126	128	65	63	71
Ventura	5,842	404	404	357	163	194	603
Yolo	2,204	115	115	104	38	66	497
Yuba	1,912	618	618	643	233	410	26

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 December 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 October 2004 Item 4 was 58,399.

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

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	21,599	3,737	2,769	1,173	890	227	2,654
Alameda	363	26	18	7	1	5	19
Alpine	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	1	10	3	8	0	6
Butte	7	11	82	26	11	6	115
Calaveras	99	0	11	3	7	2	7
Colusa	0	0	3	8	0	1	3
Contra Costa	111	21	28	40	0	3	37
Del Norte	0	0	4	1	2	0	9
El Dorado	9	12	23	10	6	1	19
Fresno	103	197	110	111	29	2	67
Glenn	45	2	16	9	5	2	2
Humboldt	46	0	46	11	1	1	36
Imperial	74	0	16	7	20	0	1
Inyo	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	394	18	250	97	27	10	71
Kings	340	7	43	14	14	2	10
Lake	3	1	42	13	11	0	17
Lassen	15	0	15	0	1	1	0
Los Angeles	4,102	2,189	121	85	0	36	1,098
Madera	512	16	31	8	0	0	4
Marin	2	2	5	1	4	0	1
Mariposa	4	0	2	0	2	0	1
Mendocino	13	81	13	1	1	0	4
Merced	72	25	64	21	22	1	54
Modoc	76	0	2	2	1	0	6
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	186	0	14	3	44	2	75
Napa	0	0	15	1	1	1	7
Nevada	3	0	3	4	4	0	1
Orange	2,008	118	27	19	5	4	77
Placer	2	0	25	2	9	3	7
Plumas	16	2	7	2	1	0	0
Riverside	4,774	121	522	100	42	18	160
Sacramento	812	91	87	55	47	2	165
San Benito	0	5	5	3	1	0	8
San Bernardino	1,434	15	279	57	321	12	42
San Diego	3,275	193	56	38	14	4	48
San Francisco	93	242	2	0	2	0	4
San Joaquin	125	16	13	3	2	1	2
San Luis Obispo	29	7	29	9	9	4	11
San Mateo	72	0	52	59	28	6	9
Santa Barbara	55	10	38	21	9	1	49
Santa Clara	232	32	21	12	2	1	5
Santa Cruz	125	41	105	77	16	6	13
Shasta	97	0	84	15	0	1	9
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	81	0	34	26	32	64	19
Solano	544	104	51	22	19	0	18
Sonoma	27	22	10	4	1	0	12
Stanislaus	142	53	140	21	33	4	68
Sutter	177	0	17	18	6	0	34
Tehama	23	2	34	16	5	5	18
Trinity	7	0	7	1	0	2	3
Tulare	0	22	83	37	15	3	17
Tuolumne	103	1	13	2	2	0	5
Ventura	237	6	0	31	18	10	102
Yolo	51	15	13	17	4	0	15
Yuba	477	4	28	20	25	0	64

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/}
October – December 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	5,347	650	57	1,971	1,267	1,853	84
Alameda	159	14	0	16	1	5	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	1	0	1	11	0	0
Butte	47	15	0	12	53	0	22
Calaveras	24	0	0	0	7	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Contra Costa	23	3	1	65	0	46	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	1	4	1	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	10	6	32	0
Fresno	36	43	21	0	47	2	3
Glenn	2	0	0	1	4	3	0
Humboldt	14	1	0	10	18	6	0
Imperial	26	0	0	0	5	2	0
Inyo	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Kern	159	43	0	19	149	49	2
Kings	67	8	0	8	16	10	0
Lake	9	3	0	21	23	6	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	931	109	0	598	17	682	0
Madera	11	7	0	9	21	0	0
Marin	1	0	0	10	14	5	2
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	19	3	3	2
Merced	10	27	0	15	75	42	0
Modoc	14	0	0	0	4	0	0
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	67	0	0	0	16	0	1
Napa	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Nevada	3	0	0	2	1	2	0
Orange	723	22	5	124	339	155	0
Placer	7	1	0	3	0	1	0
Plumas	5	3	0	5	2	10	1
Riverside	755	56	0	153	2	14	0
Sacramento	353	3	0	176	73	5	0
San Benito	1	2	0	0	5	0	0
San Bernardino	258	42	0	0	0	261	0
San Diego	691	51	27	264	8	96	0
San Francisco	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	80	28	0	1	3	19	24
San Luis Obispo	16	6	0	8	33	4	1
San Mateo	29	13	0	19	30	10	0
Santa Barbara	25	8	0	21	43	6	0
Santa Clara	86	26	0	13	0	30	0
Santa Cruz	13	2	0	11	0	0	0
Shasta	45	9	0	34	50	77	11
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	23	0	0	40	26	60	0
Solano	118	12	0	81	12	24	4
Sonoma	8	1	0	47	17	30	0
Stanislaus	71	13	3	80	88	91	1
Sutter	60	3	0	18	5	10	0
Tehama	3	7	0	1	6	2	0
Trinity	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tulare	0	27	0	13	4	10	8
Tuolumne	36	4	0	6	4	15	0
Ventura	153	10	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	12	17	0	7	0	2	0
Yuba	161	8	0	26	18	20	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
October – December 2004

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	589	2,488	521	77
Alameda	14	389	6	8
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	5	16	4	1
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	20	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	43	121	23	1
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	6	3	0
Imperial	1	43	0	0
Inyo	1	2	1	0
Kern	35	72	42	3
Kings	8	8	3	0
Lake	3	12	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	109	243	103	18
Madera	6	6	6	0
Marin	0	2	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	6	2	0
Merced	27	161	23	6
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	4	1	1
Monterey	0	41	0	0
Napa	0	21	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	22	56	14	0
Placer	1	46	1	0
Plumas	2	6	3	1
Riverside	35	39	27	1
Sacramento	3	407	16	8
San Benito	2	2	0	2
San Bernardino	42	42	42	0
San Diego	51	59	46	0
San Francisco	0	98	1	0
San Joaquin	28	140	10	1
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	10	17	14	0
Santa Barbara	8	8	4	2
Santa Clara	26	46	19	9
Santa Cruz	2	4	2	0
Shasta	9	17	11	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	12	176	15	5
Sonoma	1	8	0	0
Stanislaus	13	13	12	1
Sutter	3	5	5	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	27	27	26	1
Tuolumne	4	5	1	4
Ventura	10	41	7	3
Yolo	17	17	17	0
Yuba	6	29	9	1

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

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

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	537	5	22	111	125	1	36	2
Alameda	19	0	0	0	9	0	8	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	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	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	46	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	11	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	90	0	0	0	71	0	0	0
Madera	17	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	7	0	0	0	7	0	6	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	35	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Placer	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Riverside	40	0	0	81	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	15	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Diego	60	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	19	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	33	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	9	1	3	0	4	0	0	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	8	0	0	0	2	0	5	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	23	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
Ventura	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yolo	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	7	4	1	0	0	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
October – December 2004

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,564,878	\$5,269,227
Alameda	103,795	478,856
Alpine	0	0
Amador	3,537	955
Butte	61,221	45,901
Calaveras	0	531
Colusa	0	150
Contra Costa	65,819	30,668
Del Norte	2,466	3,904
El Dorado	23,713	18,613
Fresno	92,464	151,748
Glenn	412	4,079
Humboldt	2,512	16,762
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	527
Kern	126,223	124,894
Kings	18,172	32,629
Lake	2,891	7,433
Lassen	4,645	1,137
Los Angeles	1,266,950	1,636,650
Madera	23,802	10,878
Marin	26,346	18,411
Mariposa	978	1,347
Mendocinc	10,899	31,641
Merced a/	39,345	953
Modoc	0	200
Mono	2,758	0
Monterey	0	84,200
Napa	0	30,801
Nevada	1,923	3,105
Orange	128,822	130,567
Placer	8,947	23,251
Plumas	5,552	2,852
Riverside	425,061	181,411
Sacramentc	366,682	453,181
San Benitc	6,180	32,095
San Bernardino a/	0	143,271
San Diegc	441,883	369,633
San Francisco	93,257	162,438
San Joaquin	102,647	60,126
San Luis Obispo	8,866	5,513
San Matec	18,374	2,894
Santa Barbara	19,742	119,900
Santa Clara	303,186	320,534
Santa Cruz	17,322	11,885
Shasta	64,643	13,094
Sierra	0	356
Siskiyou	64,000	73,000
Solanc	137,660	110,665
Sonoma	27,409	74,189
Stanislaus a/	121,949	40,850
Sutter	22,969	4,412
Tehama	0	1,847
Trinity	0	416
Tulare	190,704	0
Tuolumne	10,464	3,432
Ventura	36,027	147,094
Yolc	43,633	28,500
Yuba	18,029	14,848

a/ Prior data was used (March 2004 for Merced and Stanislaus, September 2004 for San Bernardino) because complete data for October, November and December 2004 was not available due to C-IV programming.

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 2004

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	726,865	48,945	47,733	46,139	14,283	31,856	95,570
Alameda	23,965	933	933	893	385	508	819
Alpine	34	8	8	0	0	0	6
Amador	431	34	34	33	14	19	88
Butte	6,482	306	300	280	165	115	592
Calaveras	732	301	301	301	69	232	0
Colusa	443	16	16	3	0	3	63
Contra Costa	9,916	372	352	345	219	126	226
Del Norte	1,431	23	23	20	12	8	100
El Dorado	1,699	204	149	121	54	67	558
Fresno	32,941	632	627	375	177	198	922
Glenn	796	214	214	176	28	148	285
Humboldt	4,251	193	191	182	65	117	116
Imperial	5,410	123	123	83	75	8	753
Inyo	415	5	5	1	1	0	41
Kern	24,261	1,113	1,087	1,072	596	476	764
Kings	4,505	586	586	568	142	426	490
Lake	1,936	106	106	124	62	62	111
Lassen	724	34	34	27	6	21	8
Los Angeles	271,746	14,393	13,758	14,062	2,795	11,267	67,392
Madera	5,085	775	775	806	77	729	408
Marin	2,061	65	65	117	59	58	1,068
Mariposa	312	9	9	1	1	0	70
Mendocino	3,038	77	76	52	26	26	478
Merced	9,078	414	378	350	265	85	546
Modoc	318	154	153	153	28	125	95
Mono	123	0	0	1	1	0	2
Monterey	6,691	509	488	279	89	190	234
Napa	975	44	44	18	10	8	214
Nevada	924	31	29	34	21	13	77
Orange	28,507	2,430	2,418	2,622	1,545	1,077	802
Placer	1,923	67	67	47	21	26	182
Plumas	259	40	40	45	28	17	16
Riverside	24,003	9,514	9,492	9,206	1,657	7,549	1,175
Sacramento	35,275	1,113	1,056	1,027	571	456	3,239
San Benito	1,021	17	17	16	13	3	27
San Bernardino	44,953	1,074	1,074	45	45	0	0
San Diego	28,688	3,620	3,540	3,505	1,178	2,327	1,075
San Francisco	19,184	725	725	579	574	5	3,998
San Joaquin	16,223	167	167	220	137	83	381
San Luis Obispo	2,786	133	133	137	85	52	326
San Mateo	3,287	572	572	108	48	60	909
Santa Barbara	7,038	315	315	316	151	165	264
Santa Clara	21,137	1,022	916	1,107	358	749	253
Santa Cruz	4,078	952	952	738	75	663	348
Shasta	4,749	284	284	411	273	138	570
Sierra	54	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,518	688	688	694	389	305	65
Solano	5,605	929	925	913	269	644	1,122
Sonoma	5,044	224	223	243	86	157	645
Stanislaus	12,382	673	598	643	377	266	1,265
Sutter	1,730	378	378	428	185	243	77
Tehama	2,035	103	103	75	19	56	73
Trinity	325	43	43	47	0	47	55
Tulare	18,534	210	202	660	59	601	715
Tuolumne	949	297	260	268	136	132	108
Ventura	9,061	557	557	421	161	260	598
Yolo	3,188	168	168	162	60	102	726
Yuba	2,607	956	956	979	341	638	30

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 December 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 October 2004 Item 4 was 95,120.

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

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	28,614	7,559	3,292	1,803	1,274	419	4,772
Alameda	433	30	18	7	1	5	439
Alpine	3	3	0	0	1	0	1
Amador	0	2	11	4	8	0	9
Butte	7	11	88	30	16	6	142
Calaveras	247	1	13	3	11	7	19
Colusa	0	0	3	8	0	1	4
Contra Costa	152	31	48	64	0	3	54
Del Norte	0	0	4	1	3	1	14
El Dorado	15	27	27	17	17	1	45
Fresno	116	201	127	138	41	0	4
Glenn	110	3	28	27	35	3	8
Humboldt	47	0	56	12	6	1	69
Imperial	76	0	16	7	22	0	2
Inyo	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	501	20	300	122	30	13	101
Kings	471	12	55	18	16	1	13
Lake	10	1	43	13	16	0	23
Lassen	15	0	16	0	1	1	1
Los Angeles	6,176	5,052	161	252	0	46	2,071
Madera	683	36	38	9	0	0	9
Marin	4	4	5	2	4	0	46
Mariposa	4	0	2	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	11	32	15	5	2	1	10
Merced	87	43	77	29	25	1	116
Modoc	138	0	5	3	3	0	4
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	238	0	15	3	49	2	181
Napa	2	0	14	9	3	1	15
Nevada	13	0	4	5	5	0	2
Orange	2,151	164	25	23	8	4	43
Placer	2	0	28	3	12	3	19
Plumas	22	5	7	2	4	0	0
Riverside	8,217	173	712	105	40	20	225
Sacramento	546	165	87	56	45	2	155
San Benito	0	5	4	4	1	0	3
San Bernardino	6	15	297	60	504	12	180
San Diego	3,045	346	65	60	12	5	7
San Francisco	126	585	2	0	4	0	8
San Joaquin	129	18	13	3	2	1	1
San Luis Obispo	41	7	32	11	19	5	18
San Mateo	150	0	76	264	61	9	12
Santa Barbara	157	18	40	24	11	2	63
Santa Clara	833	40	23	15	2	0	3
Santa Cruz	618	73	114	93	21	6	27
Shasta	152	0	97	20	0	1	14
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	309	0	37	36	62	227	17
Solano	646	157	52	24	22	1	23
Sonoma	33	92	13	6	1	1	77
Stanislaus	155	115	158	31	40	6	93
Sutter	295	0	18	25	7	1	32
Tehama	23	2	34	16	5	5	18
Trinity	28	0	8	1	0	2	4
Tulare	0	26	100	43	13	2	18
Tuolumne	229	1	16	3	3	1	7
Ventura	278	6	0	44	12	9	208
Yolo	82	24	15	18	5	0	24
Yuba	782	8	30	25	40	0	71

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/}
October – December 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	7,617	747	103	2,755	1,630	2,111	103
Alameda	341	16	0	23	1	4	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	1	0	1	13	0	0
Butte	89	16	0	8	54	0	22
Calaveras	52	0	0	0	17	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Contra Costa	39	3	3	118	0	56	0
Del Norte	3	0	0	1	4	4	0
El Dorado	3	0	0	15	11	43	0
Fresno	40	46	40	0	51	0	0
Glenn	8	0	0	3	14	3	0
Humboldt	25	3	0	15	33	10	0
Imperial	26	1	0	0	5	2	0
Inyo	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Kern	281	50	0	24	183	55	2
Kings	90	14	0	10	17	11	0
Lake	13	3	0	23	29	6	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	1,435	118	0	818	68	985	0
Madera	19	10	0	11	36	1	0
Marin	1	0	0	18	29	11	3
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	1	0	1	13	4	7	4
Merced	12	47	0	34	131	61	0
Modoc	24	0	0	0	5	0	0
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	85	0	0	0	27	0	1
Napa	1	0	0	3	0	6	0
Nevada	13	0	0	2	3	3	0
Orange	924	30	8	185	402	47	0
Placer	8	1	0	4	7	1	0
Plumas	10	3	0	8	2	5	1
Riverside	1,400	59	0	174	4	20	0
Sacramento	347	2	0	246	1	1	0
San Benito	3	4	0	1	5	0	0
San Bernardino	0	45	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego	670	45	47	422	13	86	0
San Francisco	7	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	86	33	0	1	5	20	24
San Luis Obispo	20	6	0	13	50	4	1
San Mateo	60	16	0	33	43	15	0
Santa Barbara	67	12	0	36	54	9	0
Santa Clara	283	24	0	13	0	38	0
Santa Cruz	88	3	0	18	0	0	0
Shasta	72	25	0	30	56	90	11
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	79	0	0	40	45	225	0
Solano	132	12	0	86	15	24	24
Sonoma	12	0	0	61	24	48	0
Stanislaus	82	13	4	141	116	134	1
Sutter	114	6	0	43	5	20	0
Tehama	3	7	0	1	6	2	0
Trinity	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tulare	0	25	0	19	3	12	8
Tuolumne	103	5	0	4	7	17	0
Ventura	153	8	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	23	23	0	8	2	4	0
Yuba	261	9	0	26	26	19	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
October – December 2004

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	687	3,122	568	106
Alameda	16	267	6	9
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	5	20	4	1
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	18	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	46	93	24	1
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	8	4	0
Imperial	1	44	0	0
Inyo	1	2	1	0
Kern	42	75	44	5
Kings	14	16	7	0
Lake	3	18	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	118	819	112	18
Madera	10	10	10	0
Marin	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	7	3	0
Merced	47	272	33	8
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	4	1	1
Monterey	0	46	1	0
Napa	0	24	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	31	62	20	0
Placer	1	55	0	0
Plumas	2	4	3	0
Riverside	40	45	30	1
Sacramento	2	309	12	4
San Benito	4	5	0	4
San Bernardino	45	45	45	0
San Diego	45	86	41	1
San Francisco	1	144	2	0
San Joaquin	33	167	11	5
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	13	22	17	0
Santa Barbara	12	12	5	5
Santa Clara	24	46	20	9
Santa Cruz	3	5	3	0
Shasta	25	35	13	15
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	12	172	14	5
Sonoma	1	9	0	0
Stanislaus	13	13	12	1
Sutter	6	8	8	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	25	25	23	2
Tuolumne	5	7	1	5
Ventura	8	37	5	4
Yolo	21	21	21	0
Yuba	7	33	10	2

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

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 2004

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	588	8	33	119	130	1	41	3
Alameda	18	0	0	0	9	0	9	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	3	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	47	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	21	0	0	0	6	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	93	0	0	0	71	0	0	0
Madera	21	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	15	0	0	0	10	0	8	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	44	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Placer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	46	0	0	87	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	18	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Diego	65	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	15	0	0	0	3	0	2	1
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	35	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	12	1	3	0	4	0	0	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	8	0	0	0	2	0	5	0
Sonoma	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	23	0	0	21	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	4	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
Ventura	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Yolo	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	8	4	2	0	0	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
October – December 2004

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,455,208	\$1,792,315
Alameda	71,519	122,650
Alpine	0	0
Amador	1,060	330
Butte	39,686	2,291
Calaveras	0	225
Colusa	0	974
Contra Costa	69,555	4,983
Del Norte	1,549	2,485
El Dorado	16,518	13,132
Fresno	68,092	155,212
Glenn	1,184	5,035
Humboldt	4,987	6,405
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	559
Kern	95,286	68,435
Kings	10,769	15,906
Lake	1,235	3,310
Lassen	5,820	86
Los Angeles	507,805	195,699
Madera	34,126	14,403
Marin	20,610	8,028
Mariposa	32	6,594
Mendocino	9,135	15,567
Merced <i>a/</i>	66,490	348
Modoc	0	0
Mono	540	0
Monterey	58	35,831
Napa	144	15,596
Nevada	297	858
Orange	124,136	40,065
Placer	1,586	6,368
Plumas	4,651	1,514
Riverside	253,552	91,904
Sacramento	336,328	165,691
San Benito	10,670	6,453
San Bernardino <i>a/</i>	0	133,710
San Diego	245,130	63,030
San Francisco	146,323	90,610
San Joaquin	55,835	20,335
San Luis Obispo	6,787	2,897
San Mateo	22,709	4,021
Santa Barbara	10,073	36,328
Santa Clara	492,465	115,457
Santa Cruz	11,027	2,576
Shasta	33,768	9,792
Sierra	331	528
Siskiyou	124,000	119,000
Solano	83,369	50,188
Sonoma	22,062	41,108
Stanislaus <i>a/</i>	135,958	28,630
Sutter	15,106	2,754
Tehama	0	1,370
Trinity	0	229
Tulare	199,975	0
Tuolumne	11,580	1,804
Ventura	38,600	30,708
Yolo	29,160	24,189
Yuba	13,530	6,114

a/ Prior data was used (March 2004 for Merced and Stanislaus, September 2004 for San Bernardino) because complete data for October, November and December 2004 was not available due to C-IV programming.



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