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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 2007

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
January, February and March 2007
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
January, February and March 2007
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report
January, February and March 2007

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

January – March 2007

Investigation Requests

- **33,798** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **11,266** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.44%** of the **461,363** CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during **January – March 2007**).
- **32,896** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **33,798** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **22,892 (70%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **5,193 (16%)** 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.
 - ▶ **3,368 (10%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **1,443 (4%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **89,566** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **56,670 (63%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **32,896 (37%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **30,284** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **34%** of the **89,566** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **11,436 (38%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **18,848 (62%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **30,284** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **6,533 (22%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **1,958 (6%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **1,863 (6%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **1,727 (6%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **755 (2%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **148 (.49%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **89 (.29%)** 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 **30,284** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **2,822** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **2,233 (79%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **589 (21%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **2,822** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **421 prosecutions** were filed. This is **15%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **421** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **422 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- **\$6,126,801 fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$4,625,648 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2007

Investigation Requests

- **51,784** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **17,261** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.09%** of the **827,192** Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during **January – March 2007**).
- **50,424** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **51,784** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **31,155 (62%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **11,629 (23%)** 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.
 - ▶ **4,596 (9%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **3,044 (6%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **155,188** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **104,764 (68%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **50,424 (32%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **48,001** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **31%** of the **155,188** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **17,034 (35%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **30,967 (65%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **48,001** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **9,136 (19%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **3,104 (6%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **3,102 (6%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **2,388 (5%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **915 (2%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **169 (.35%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **121 (.25%)** 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 **48,001** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **3,698** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **2,868 (78%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **830 (22%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **3,698** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **490 prosecutions** were filed. This is **13%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **490** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **458 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- **\$3,257,987 fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$1,955,007 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January - March 2007**

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
January - March 2007

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	461,363	33,798	32,896	30,284	11,436	18,848	57,605
Alameda	19,020	693	693	506	248	258	1,510
Alpine	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	262	21	21	45	9	36	35
Butte	3,656	445	436	297	77	220	507
Calaveras	399	231	231	231	60	171	0
Colusa	205	6	6	6	3	3	4
Contra Costa	8,863	264	238	236	157	79	171
Del Norte	822	0	0	0	0	0	65
El Dorado	972	100	100	135	58	77	365
Fresno	23,860	264	262	348	188	160	1,259
Glenn	477	174	174	193	99	94	261
Humboldt	1,845	215	210	252	61	191	106
Imperial	3,855	132	132	96	80	16	761
Inyo	147	7	4	2	1	1	70
Kern	17,012	780	779	827	430	397	486
Kings	2,516	571	571	584	190	394	257
Lake	1,148	50	50	47	24	23	96
Lassen	577	67	67	68	14	54	9
Los Angeles	145,431	4,945	4,585	5,183	2,227	2,956	30,015
Madera	2,905	538	538	506	34	472	71
Marin	918	29	29	43	24	19	379
Mariposa	163	7	7	1	0	1	47
Mendocino	1,335	61	61	76	32	44	418
Merced	7,041	356	347	469	232	237	572
Modoc	169	21	20	15	5	10	13
Mono	34	2	2	1	1	0	6
Monterey	4,794	367	358	242	53	189	425
Napa	546	26	26	37	20	17	147
Nevada	531	3	3	1	1	0	73
Orange	15,617	2,254	2,254	2,007	1,162	845	1,143
Placer	1,586	22	22	7	1	6	195
Plumas	166	7	7	9	7	2	2
Riverside	20,035	5,654	5,608	5,443	635	4,808	2,376
Sacramento	28,113	1,982	1,911	1,323	802	521	2,584
San Benito	672	29	29	28	18	10	21
San Bernardino	31,661	3,460	3,460	1,841	738	1,103	889
San Diego	23,335	3,908	3,817	3,900	1,353	2,547	986
San Francisco	4,769	436	436	301	251	50	3,054
San Joaquin	14,284	145	142	150	93	57	115
San Luis Obispo	1,728	89	89	73	33	40	207
San Mateo	2,247	252	252	3	3	0	2,231
Santa Barbara	4,289	268	134	115	54	61	138
Santa Clara	14,248	475	427	371	210	161	352
Santa Cruz	2,158	360	357	366	126	240	24
Shasta	3,107	236	236	224	130	94	215
Sierra	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	816	317	317	304	113	191	43
Solano	5,347	746	738	739	207	532	961
Sonoma	2,911	199	199	130	44	86	348
Stanislaus	9,404	896	827	887	550	337	1,481
Sutter	1,286	203	203	205	67	138	60
Tehama	1,206	125	125	142	20	122	51
Trinity	213	23	23	12	0	12	56
Tulare	12,294	237	237	160	49	111	946
Tuolumne	522	53	49	43	21	22	19
Ventura	6,433	199	199	207	75	132	290
Yolo	1,673	172	172	160	39	121	664
Yuba	1,693	676	676	687	307	380	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 March 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 January 2007 Item 4 was 56,670.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January - March 2007

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	22,892	1,443	3,368	1,053	1,009	316	2,815
Alameda	540	35	51	31	11	10	15
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	6	1	1	1	12
Butte	69	4	118	43	16	11	175
Calaveras	180	0	27	4	8	6	6
Colusa	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Contra Costa	195	21	3	16	0	1	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	10	24	25	12	18	0	11
Fresno	67	22	87	40	17	0	29
Glenn	83	6	15	5	17	4	44
Humboldt	17	0	30	19	3	120	21
Imperial	29	4	30	16	42	3	8
Inyo	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	251	9	267	73	81	23	75
Kings	442	1	73	38	9	1	7
Lake	2	0	17	9	3	1	18
Lassen	54	0	12	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	3,456	152	102	19	0	14	842
Madera	497	5	15	8	0	3	10
Marin	4	4	5	3	3	1	9
Mariposa	1	0	2	3	0	0	1
Mendocino	2	14	26	4	2	5	8
Merced	127	26	77	38	11	0	68
Modoc	4	0	4	7	2	0	3
Mono	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Monterey	95	7	14	6	96	7	133
Napa	0	0	10	1	2	2	11
Nevada	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Orange	2,051	24	27	18	2	4	128
Placer	0	2	9	3	3	1	4
Plumas	3	1	1	1	0	0	1
Riverside	4,768	235	337	71	32	22	143
Sacramento	1,737	0	57	18	50	0	49
San Benito	2	1	5	1	0	1	19
San Bernardino	1,667	6	931	172	258	10	416
San Diego	3,576	116	49	33	7	1	35
San Francisco	73	354	2	1	0	0	6
San Joaquin	93	2	32	5	6	1	3
San Luis Obispo	28	0	31	9	10	0	11
San Mateo	92	29	35	57	9	3	27
Santa Barbara	40	6	32	14	6	7	29
Santa Clara	248	53	78	19	6	7	16
Santa Cruz	318	1	11	3	3	2	19
Shasta	151	0	47	18	3	1	16
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	162	0	36	0	68	31	20
Solano	562	59	55	27	25	2	8
Sonoma	19	97	43	9	3	2	26
Stanislaus	212	50	321	38	131	1	74
Sutter	103	0	12	23	2	1	62
Tehama	15	3	40	14	3	0	50
Trinity	6	0	6	2	3	1	5
Tulare	0	54	87	60	16	2	18
Tuolumne	11	0	9	0	0	0	29
Ventura	170	0	0	5	1	1	22
Yolo	98	14	31	9	7	1	12
Yuba	557	2	26	24	11	0	56

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/}
January - March 2007

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	6,533	755	89	1,727	1,958	1,863	148
Alameda	196	19	2	22	1	8	46
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	1	0	0	2	4	0
Butte	70	7	0	4	21	14	8
Calaveras	40	0	0	1	16	3	0
Colusa	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	36	3	0	33	0	9	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	18	39	42
Fresno	55	19	34	0	102	0	11
Glenn	11	1	0	49	18	20	0
Humboldt	28	0	0	7	19	11	0
Imperial	1	0	0	0	22	9	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	97	21	0	91	150	78	19
Kings	126	13	0	4	23	24	0
Lake	4	3	0	3	14	3	1
Lassen	10	1	0	0	4	0	0
Los Angeles	1,219	151	0	670	24	646	0
Madera	10	7	0	2	13	2	0
Marin	4	0	0	6	8	6	2
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	1	2	0	21	5	3	2
Merced	44	30	0	70	102	22	1
Modoc	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	49	7	0	0	32	0	0
Napa	6	0	0	5	5	4	0
Nevada	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Orange	768	19	0	39	332	151	6
Placer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	3	0	0	2	0	2	0
Riverside	457	41	0	129	4	4	0
Sacramento	588	254	37	34	118	7	1
San Benito	0	0	0	2	14	2	0
San Bernardino	481	18	0	50	405	173	1
San Diego	1,030	22	14	130	0	193	0
San Francisco	1	4	0	107	0	1	3
San Joaquin	48	10	0	0	22	13	0
San Luis Obispo	7	0	0	10	19	11	2
San Mateo	71	3	0	18	41	13	0
Santa Barbara	16	8	0	14	23	6	1
Santa Clara	131	13	0	9	6	51	1
Santa Cruz	113	0	0	2	11	0	0
Shasta	65	4	0	3	28	30	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	33	0	0	19	33	28	0
Solano	143	0	0	7	26	16	0
Sonoma	6	1	0	36	20	30	0
Stanislaus	152	26	2	108	216	150	0
Sutter	39	3	0	5	4	16	0
Tehama	4	1	0	0	10	5	0
Trinity	1	0	0	0	4	0	0
Tulare	0	16	0	2	8	23	1
Tuolumne	4	4	0	1	1	11	0
Ventura	71	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	23	9	0	1	3	3	0
Yuba	267	8	0	9	9	14	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
January - March 2007

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	589	2,822	421	132
Alameda	19	438	9	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	3	13	3	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	18	1	1
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	12	0	0
Fresno	19	28	16	0
Glenn	1	1	0	0
Humboldt	0	4	1	0
Imperial	0	47	0	0
Inyo	3	3	0	1
Kern	15	58	13	2
Kings	13	31	8	9
Lake	3	28	3	1
Lassen	1	7	0	0
Los Angeles	151	538	127	12
Madera	7	7	7	0
Marin	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	6	2	0
Merced	30	54	7	3
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	8	8	1	7
Monterey	7	65	7	1
Napa	0	12	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	18	61	23	2
Placer	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	1	0	0
Riverside	41	75	50	1
Sacramento	3	386	22	3
San Benito	0	7	0	1
San Bernardino	18	46	4	0
San Diego	22	27	11	1
San Francisco	4	102	2	9
San Joaquin	10	102	8	0
San Luis Obispo	89	280	0	73
San Mateo	4	4	3	0
Santa Barbara	8	8	4	4
Santa Clara	8	23	17	0
Santa Cruz	0	2	0	0
Shasta	4	13	11	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	16	44	0	0
Solano	0	142	0	0
Sonoma	1	7	0	0
Stanislaus	26	26	25	0
Sutter	1	1	3	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	16	16	16	0
Tuolumne	4	12	3	0
Ventura	4	29	4	0
Yolo	9	9	9	0
Yuba	3	15	1	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2007 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2007's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2007

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	422	14	14	118	145	0	25	2
Alameda	4	0	0	0	14	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	5	0	0	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	2	10	0	18	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	42	2	0	0	5	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	3	2	3	0	0	0	3	0
Lake	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	120	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Madera	5	0	2	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	21	0	0	0	48	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	7	24	0	1	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	9	1	0	7	0	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	30	0	0	31	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	28	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Diego	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	0	3	1	4	0	0	1
San Joaquin	12	7	0	0	6	0	2	1
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shasta	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	17	0	0	39	6	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	28	0	0	22	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	3	1	0	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
January - March 2007

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$6,126,801	\$4,625,648
Alameda	197,630	243,222
Alpine	0	0
Amador	274	0
Butte	23,570	13,054
Calaveras	2,027	3,454
Colusa	0	559
Contra Costa	69,100	60,917
Del Norte	32,937	8,149
El Dorado	10,688	36,182
Fresno	81,814	134,963
Glenn	7,126	6,225
Humboldt	6,166	5,825
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	137,663	98,310
Kings	10,907	52,179
Lake	5,810	3,858
Lassen	1,176	1,682
Los Angeles	3,792,824	1,576,307
Madera	5,837	12,613
Marin	14,309	19,861
Mariposa	1,689	1,363
Mendocino	63,731	41,316
Merced	58,539	18,100
Modoc	0	100
Mono	5,000	0
Monterey	18,086	62,969
Napa	10,599	6,434
Nevada	466	2,036
Orange	95,849	108,929
Placer	0	21,209
Plumas	2,055	1,066
Riverside	245,888	203,384
Sacramento	95,828	724,621
San Benito	2,236	36,506
San Bernardino	164,110	136,037
San Diego	277,535	126,379
San Francisco	51,766	60,327
San Joaquin	52,860	33,211
San Luis Obispo	13,971	4,477
San Mateo	21,507	8,510
Santa Barbara	20,410	88,034
Santa Clara	99,453	317,056
Santa Cruz	4,642	3,122
Shasta	11,749	19,975
Sierra	134	88
Siskiyou	6,220	5,200
Solano	12,565	104,276
Sonoma	26,648	56,509
Stanislaus	185,011	102,853
Sutter	13,974	2,717
Tehama	0	878
Trinity	0	177
Tulare	122,082	11,963
Tuolumne	8,114	2,166
Ventura	2,070	413
Yolo	14,400	26,027
Yuba	17,756	9,860

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January - March 2007

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	827,192	51,784	50,424	48,001	17,034	30,967	106,980
Alameda	32,114	1,465	1,465	1,262	568	694	1,544
Alpine	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	543	39	39	68	13	55	27
Butte	7,781	584	576	391	112	279	599
Calaveras	822	522	522	522	134	388	0
Colusa	508	9	9	9	3	6	10
Contra Costa	13,904	329	301	331	229	102	378
Del Norte	1,724	0	0	0	0	0	116
El Dorado	1,940	158	158	204	88	116	353
Fresno	43,812	275	273	395	214	181	1,047
Glenn	854	292	292	344	174	170	454
Humboldt	4,824	308	303	345	103	242	123
Imperial	6,410	131	131	96	80	16	827
Inyo	452	14	8	4	2	2	81
Kern	28,557	1,148	1,146	970	500	470	824
Kings	5,404	862	862	867	250	617	335
Lake	2,283	139	139	129	71	58	124
Lassen	898	165	165	170	29	141	15
Los Angeles	272,422	9,631	9,068	9,002	3,451	5,551	65,511
Madera	5,502	701	701	708	65	643	214
Marin	2,544	106	106	159	62	97	898
Mariposa	382	11	11	2	0	2	75
Mendocino	3,608	165	165	172	65	107	1,360
Merced	10,961	685	667	864	478	386	838
Modoc	307	60	52	41	12	29	35
Mono	134	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	7,681	666	654	486	93	393	547
Napa	1,179	52	52	65	27	38	217
Nevada	1,158	11	11	6	4	2	96
Orange	30,707	3,124	3,124	2,868	1,532	1,336	1,355
Placer	2,900	29	29	16	8	8	224
Plumas	283	28	28	29	20	9	14
Riverside	29,644	9,794	9,723	9,460	1,061	8,399	3,760
Sacramento	45,353	1,711	1,633	1,398	894	504	3,644
San Benito	1,320	29	29	29	17	12	34
San Bernardino	48,969	3,151	3,151	3,195	1,186	2,009	436
San Diego	33,874	3,841	3,751	3,788	1,417	2,371	904
San Francisco	19,445	1,280	1,280	708	501	207	6,268
San Joaquin	20,363	154	151	152	91	61	123
San Luis Obispo	3,628	145	145	136	80	56	246
San Mateo	3,822	559	559	4	4	0	5,279
Santa Barbara	8,115	630	315	274	111	163	159
Santa Clara	26,128	955	903	823	440	383	548
Santa Cruz	5,475	1,314	1,312	1,321	229	1,092	18
Shasta	5,877	421	421	391	205	186	301
Sierra	75	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,610	649	649	604	238	366	65
Solano	8,708	886	875	817	237	580	1,416
Sonoma	6,524	434	434	373	95	278	797
Stanislaus	15,776	1,395	1,314	1,326	850	476	2,364
Sutter	2,395	309	309	316	146	170	88
Tehama	2,162	125	125	142	20	122	47
Trinity	432	44	44	30	0	30	102
Tulare	23,756	272	272	190	60	130	709
Tuolumne	1,291	114	109	109	66	43	40
Ventura	12,724	277	277	274	108	166	398
Yolo	3,848	255	255	261	77	184	955
Yuba	3,245	1,331	1,331	1,355	514	841	36

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 March 2007 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 January 2007 Item 4 was 104,764.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January - March 2007

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	31,155	3,044	4,596	1,559	1,642	421	8,007
Alameda	640	45	50	33	15	11	671
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	8	1	4	1	25
Butte	92	8	142	60	22	17	235
Calaveras	440	1	38	7	16	10	10
Colusa	0	0	1	2	1	0	5
Contra Costa	217	45	5	23	0	1	10
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	36	34	24	14	28	4	18
Fresno	76	38	92	45	19	0	3
Glenn	157	9	20	8	26	8	64
Humboldt	17	1	41	23	3	124	94
Imperial	29	4	30	16	42	3	7
Inyo	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	389	24	327	125	151	31	99
Kings	689	3	86	55	17	1	11
Lake	16	0	40	12	10	1	60
Lassen	145	0	14	0	5	0	1
Los Angeles	5,327	280	125	197	0	15	3,124
Madera	629	13	20	10	1	4	24
Marin	6	16	6	6	3	1	68
Mariposa	3	0	2	3	0	0	3
Mendocino	2	39	83	4	4	7	26
Merced	196	58	95	59	46	0	213
Modoc	14	0	4	16	7	4	7
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	132	19	17	10	116	6	354
Napa	5	0	13	4	1	3	26
Nevada	7	0	2	0	2	0	0
Orange	2,860	27	34	23	2	4	174
Placer	0	2	12	3	5	1	6
Plumas	18	2	2	2	1	0	3
Riverside	8,259	368	667	90	36	26	277
Sacramento	1,345	0	58	18	61	0	151
San Benito	1	1	5	0	0	2	20
San Bernardino	6	10	1,278	229	385	14	1,229
San Diego	3,438	219	47	33	5	1	8
San Francisco	109	1,139	3	7	2	0	20
San Joaquin	101	2	33	5	6	1	3
San Luis Obispo	37	1	37	14	24	0	32
San Mateo	149	37	37	82	71	4	179
Santa Barbara	177	25	33	20	5	7	48
Santa Clara	702	69	82	19	9	7	15
Santa Cruz	1,234	4	12	3	5	2	52
Shasta	302	0	59	26	6	1	27
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	334	0	102	0	116	77	20
Solano	605	121	54	35	48	1	11
Sonoma	24	187	43	9	5	2	164
Stanislaus	298	104	482	51	215	6	158
Sutter	255	0	13	32	4	2	3
Tehama	15	3	40	14	3	0	50
Trinity	10	0	7	4	7	4	12
Tulare	0	61	92	60	32	2	25
Tuolumne	26	0	12	0	10	2	59
Ventura	246	0	0	6	1	1	23
Yolo	153	19	36	14	10	1	22
Yuba	1,179	6	31	27	29	1	58

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/}
January - March 2007

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	9,136	915	121	3,102	3,104	2,388	169
Alameda	515	20	2	28	1	2	53
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	2	2	0	0	13	7	0
Butte	124	12	0	3	23	16	9
Calaveras	101	0	0	1	27	4	0
Colusa	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	50	4	0	91	0	12	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	8	0	0	0	27	53	48
Fresno	64	14	45	0	114	0	10
Glenn	22	1	0	84	28	39	0
Humboldt	45	0	0	20	42	12	0
Imperial	1	0	0	0	22	9	0
Inyo	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	201	23	0	171	199	102	18
Kings	167	16	0	6	32	29	0
Lake	28	4	0	10	30	6	2
Lassen	24	1	0	0	7	0	0
Los Angeles	1,856	196	0	1,035	88	954	0
Madera	12	10	0	10	29	5	0
Marin	6	0	0	13	24	19	2
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	2	0	48	5	6	3
Merced	72	56	0	134	250	34	1
Modoc	5	0	0	0	1	7	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	87	7	0	0	54	0	0
Napa	9	0	0	8	4	6	0
Nevada	3	3	0	0	1	0	0
Orange	1,027	27	0	57	438	121	6
Placer	1	0	0	1	5	1	0
Plumas	10	0	0	4	4	2	0
Riverside	734	57	0	257	4	9	0
Sacramento	503	254	40	117	202	10	1
San Benito	0	0	0	1	15	1	0
San Bernardino	477	27	0	69	593	44	1
San Diego	985	24	30	234	0	198	0
San Francisco	1	7	0	212	0	3	7
San Joaquin	65	11	0	0	18	15	0
San Luis Obispo	13	1	0	25	56	17	4
San Mateo	129	4	0	24	58	25	0
Santa Barbara	51	13	0	25	34	6	1
Santa Clara	248	17	0	14	8	153	2
Santa Cruz	200	1	0	4	24	0	1
Shasta	113	6	0	5	44	37	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	78	0	0	32	67	61	0
Solano	154	0	0	7	41	18	0
Sonoma	7	2	0	70	27	49	0
Stanislaus	224	29	4	234	364	195	0
Sutter	94	2	0	13	8	29	0
Tehama	4	1	0	0	10	5	0
Trinity	3	0	0	0	4	0	0
Tulare	0	17	0	2	16	25	0
Tuolumne	15	5	0	9	14	24	0
Ventura	103	5	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	37	22	0	11	3	4	0
Yuba	454	10	0	12	25	13	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
January - March 2007

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	830	3,698	490	198
Alameda	20	341	10	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	5	15	3	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	15	1	1
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	12	0	0
Fresno	14	32	18	0
Glenn	1	1	0	0
Humboldt	0	5	1	1
Imperial	0	48	0	0
Inyo	6	6	0	2
Kern	18	68	17	5
Kings	16	38	11	9
Lake	4	31	3	1
Lassen	1	9	0	0
Los Angeles	196	1,411	141	13
Madera	10	10	10	0
Marin	0	4	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	6	2	0
Merced	58	100	12	4
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	7	69	6	1
Napa	0	14	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	27	73	34	2
Placer	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	56	97	49	0
Sacramento	3	15	24	1
San Benito	0	11	0	1
San Bernardino	27	67	8	0
San Diego	24	81	11	2
San Francisco	7	151	3	10
San Joaquin	11	140	7	0
San Luis Obispo	145	382	1	135
San Mateo	5	7	4	0
Santa Barbara	13	13	5	8
Santa Clara	12	33	19	0
Santa Cruz	1	1	1	0
Shasta	6	15	11	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	42	88	0	0
Solano	0	137	0	0
Sonoma	2	8	0	0
Stanislaus	29	29	28	0
Sutter	1	1	2	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	17	17	17	0
Tuolumne	5	15	4	0
Ventura	5	24	4	0
Yolo	31	31	22	0
Yuba	5	19	1	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2007 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2007's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2007

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	458	17	22	129	179	1	32	2
Alameda	5	0	0	0	14	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Colusa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	0	2	13	0	19	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	49	2	0	0	5	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	32	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kings	3	0	4	0	0	0	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	122	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Madera	5	0	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	27	0	0	0	77	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	21	0	1	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	10	2	0	12	0	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	37	0	0	37	2	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	31	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Diego	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Francisco	3	0	3	1	5	0	0	1
San Joaquin	12	11	0	0	6	0	6	1
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Shasta	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	39	4	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	28	0	0	23	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Yolo	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	4	1	0	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
January - March 2007

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,257,987	\$1,955,007
Alameda	143,782	32,818
Alpine	0	0
Amador	192	1,026
Butte	23,703	10,820
Calaveras	3,626	1,296
Colusa	0	674
Contra Costa	76,457	7,514
Del Norte	10,492	8,013
El Dorado	13,683	20,157
Fresno	73,076	106,010
Glenn	5,382	6,426
Humboldt	1,440	4,182
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	188,436	79,887
Kings	10,535	34,784
Lake	9,263	2,750
Lassen	929	489
Los Angeles	947,461	290,927
Madera	13,409	19,957
Marin	13,681	8,164
Mariposa	3,017	724
Mendocino	85,082	21,703
Merced	78,088	23,987
Modoc	0	1,035
Mono	0	0
Monterey	10,145	34,555
Napa	9,719	4,358
Nevada	0	1,501
Orange	61,363	53,241
Placer	0	8,591
Plumas	1,646	1,087
Riverside	241,186	175,919
Sacramento	119,806	241,472
San Benito	1,151	16,990
San Bernardino	135,139	107,986
San Diego	237,442	81,087
San Francisco	107,196	68,594
San Joaquin	57,367	12,785
San Luis Obispo	13,316	1,608
San Mateo	19,621	3,617
Santa Barbara	20,577	111,708
Santa Clara	111,660	123,332
Santa Cruz	7,790	925
Shasta	9,601	18,604
Sierra	901	355
Siskiyou	10,470	5,800
Solano	6,663	33,491
Sonoma	22,252	34,609
Stanislaus	215,159	65,743
Sutter	3,715	16,181
Tehama	0	409
Trinity	0	409
Tulare	78,148	10,480
Tuolumne	8,543	3,444
Ventura	10,744	5,346
Yolo	17,727	22,354
Yuba	17,206	5,083



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