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TO: Final Report Distribution
FROM: Glenn Eckhart, County Controller *G.E.*
DATE: February 5, 2013
RE: Ethics Hotline Activity - 2012

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2012. The ethics hotline continues to be a valuable tool for employees and the public to report suspected improprieties. All reports received are investigated and resolved by the Office of the Controller.

AUDITS/ETHICS HOTLINE ACTIVITY

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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*Ethics Hotline Activity
for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2012*

REPORT NO. 13-13

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In accordance with Ordinance 1993-130, the County of Lehigh established a hotline (610-782-3999) for the reporting of suspected theft, fraud, and abuse of county resources and/or assets. The hotline is based in the Controller's Office and is available for use by both county employees and the public 24 hours a day. Callers can report anonymously any situation that appears improper. All calls are investigated by the Controller's Office or are directed to the proper authority (if not under county jurisdiction).

The administrative code, as amended by Ordinance 1993-130, requires periodic reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Attached please find a summary account of "Ethics Hotline" calls received during 2012.

GLENN ECKHART
County Controller

February 5, 2013
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc: David Barilla, Clerk to Board of Commissioners
Board of Commissioners
Cindy Feinberg, Director, Comm & Econ Dev
David Gilgoff, Director, Human Services
William H. Hansell, County Executive
Wesley Havercamp, Sheriff's Office
M. Judith Johnston, Human Resources Officer
Brian Kahler, Fiscal Officer
Frank Kane, Chief of Staff
Patricia Kline, General Services

Terry Lopus, Director, Cedarbrook
The Honorable Carol McGinley, Pres Judge
Michael Milan, Cty Det, Dist Atty's Office
Thomas Muller, County Administrator
Susan Schellenberg, Court Administrator
Glenn Solt, Director, General Services
Matthew Sorrentino, Solicitor, Dept of Law
Edward Sweeney, Director, Corrections
Joseph Turri, Human Resources Administrator

ETHICS HOTLINE*
SUMMARY OF 2012 ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
01-05-12	Alleged Grant Irregularities – Sixth Street Shelter (Refer to Controller’s Office Report #E12-03)	E12-01
01-11-12	Three missing cell phone chargers – Mental Health	E12-02
01-23-12	Vehicle break-in – stolen equipment – Emergency Management	E12-03
01-24-12	Property tax issue – City of Allentown	---
01-27-12	Complaint about serving civil papers – Sheriff’s Office	E12-04
01-30-12	Alleged conflict of interest – NIZ, hockey arena	E12-05
02-02-12	Fee waiver dispute – Judicial Records-Civil Division	E12-06
02-10-12	Elder abuse complaint – Area Agency on Aging	E12-07
03-14-12	Employment termination concern- Department of Corrections	E12-08
04-13-12	Counterfeit currency – Fiscal Office	E12-09
04-17-12	Missing gate controller – General Services	E12-10
04-30-12	Missing supplies – Inmate Work Program	E12-11
04-25-12	Conflict of interest – Employment at Mag Dist Court Office	E12-12
05-07-12	Citizen warrant complaint – District Attorney’s Office	E12-13
05-23-12	Disbursement dispute – Bureau of Collections	E12-14
05-24-12	Caseworker’s personal cash stolen at vendor – Children & Youth	E12-15

* Includes reports received per Administrative Notice 2001-4, “Supervisor’s Report of Lost or Stolen Property”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
06-07-12	Alleged worker's compensation abuse – Juvenile Detention	E12-16
06-15-12	Complaint about mileage reimbursement policy – Human Services	---
06-20-12	Alleged social security disability fraud – Non-employee	E12-17
06-29-12	Lost cell phone – Mental Health	E12-18
07-09-12	County vehicle break-in/theft of items – Emergency Management	E12-19
07-11-12	Check fraud– counterfeit checks – Mag Dist Court #31-1-08	E12-20
07-31-12	Alleged time reporting abuse – Government Center Maintenance	E12-21
08-02-12	Housing issue – Area Agency on Aging	E12-22
08-07-12	Lost cell phone – Juvenile Probation	E12-23
08-17-12	Debit card fraud – Non-employee	E12-24
08-19-12	Commercial business in residential area – Non-employee	E12-25
08-24-12	Identity theft issue – Non-employee	E12-26
09-05-12	Alleged worker's compensation abuse – Juvenile Detention	E12-27
09-11-12	Theft of gasoline – County Parks Department	E12-28
09-20-12	Alleged time reporting irregularities – Cedarbrook (Refer to Controller's Report #E12-28)	E12-29
10-15-12	Alleged time reporting irregularities – Executive Office (Refer to Controller's Report #E12-29)	E12-30
10-24-12	Lost officer identification badge – Juvenile Probation	E12-31
10-25-12	Lost cell phone – Juvenile Probation	E12-32
11-13-12	Missing phone charger - Children & Youth	E12-33
11-14-12	Alleged unreported income complaint – Non-employee	E12-34
11-14-12	Missing equipment – Utility Garage	E12-35

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
11-14-12	Missing simm card – Mental Health	12-36
11-20-12	Housing issue/disabled abuse – Area Agency on Aging	12-37
11-23-12	Home warranty complaint – Non-employee	12-38
12-24-12	Stolen personal funds (two employees) - Children & Youth	Emp #1 Emp #2
		12-39 12-40