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TO: Final Report Distribution
FROM: Thomas Slonaker, County Controller 
DATE: February 6, 2008
RE: Ethics Hotline Activity - 2007

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2007. 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.

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*Ethics Hotline Activity
for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2007*

REPORT NO. 08-2

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Percy H. Dougherty, Chairman
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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 2007.

THOMAS SLONAKER
County Controller

February 6, 2008
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc: Board of Commissioners
David Barilla, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Jan Creedon, Director, General Services
Donald Cunningham, Jr., County Executive
Wesley Havercamp, Sheriff's Office
Brian Kahler, Fiscal Officer
Frank Kane, Chief of Staff
Patricia Kline, General Services
Thomas Muller, Director of Administration
Leroy Oswald, County Detective, District Attorney's Office
Honorable William H. Platt, President Judge
Susan Schellenberg, Court Administrator

ETHICS HOTLINE*
SUMMARY OF 2007 ACTIVITY

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Ethics File No.</u> |
|-------------|--|------------------------|
| 01/02/07 | Missing county laptop computer – IT Workroom | E07-01 |
| 01/09/07 | Vandalism/Theft–ladies room – Government Center | E07-02 |
| 01/17/07 | Stolen county cell phone – Break-in employee vehicle | E07-03 |
| 01/22/07 | Stolen auto license/inspection stickers | E07-04 |
| 02/16/07 | Lost county keys | E07-05 |
| 04/03/07 | Vandalism/Theft-Cedarview Apts Money stolen from washers/dryers (occurred 11/30/2006) | E07-06 |
| 04/09/07 | (2) Missing county desktop computers–storage area at Govt Ctr | E07-07 |
| 05/09/07 | Theft of county retirement check | E07-08 |
| 05/21/07 | Missing \$100 cash-Magisterial District Judge office | E07-09 |
| 05/24/07 | Lost county cell phone – Office of Children & Youth | E07-10 |
| 06/01/07 | Time Reporting Allegations | E07-11 |
| 06/06/07 | Allegation of false reporting | E07-12 |
| 07/05/07 | LCP inmate issue | --- |
| 07/16/07 | Stolen skid loader – stolen tools at Lehigh County compost site \$30,000 loss | E07-13 |
| 07/30/07 | Lost gasoline card- Office of Children & Youth | E07-14 |
| 08/06/07 | Stolen purse/money/credit cards – Domestic Relations (occurred 7/25/07) | E07-15 |

* Includes reports received per Administrative Notice 2001-4, “Reporting Missing Personal and County Property”

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Ethics File No.</u> |
|-------------|--|------------------------|
| 08/09/07 | Attorney dispute (personal) | --- |
| 08/26/07 | Personal complaint against gasoline station operator | --- |
| 09/13/07 | Time reporting allegations | --- |
| 09/18/07 | Lost county cell phone – Office of Children & Youth | E07-16 |
| 09/20/07 | Stolen purse/money/credit cards – Court Administration | E07-17 |
| 10/03/07 | County personnel issue – Crisis Intervention | E07-18 |
| 10/10/07 | Political sign on county property | --- |
| 10/12/07 | Allegation of municipal conflict of interest | E07-19 |
| 10/30/07 | Stolen cash out of purse – General Services | E07-20 |
| 10/31/07 | Personal complaint against local auto dealership | --- |
| 11/08/07 | Stolen purse (personal) and stolen external computer drive (county property) at Government Center – Information Technology | E07-21 |
| 11/27/07 | Personal complaint against attorney | --- |
| 12/14/07 | Personal complaint against attorney | --- |