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TO: Final Report Distribution
FROM: Thomas Slonaker, County Controller
DATE: January 12, 2009
RE: Ethics Hotline Activity - 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TS", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2008. 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.

COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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*Ethics Hotline Activity
for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2008*

REPORT NO. 09-4

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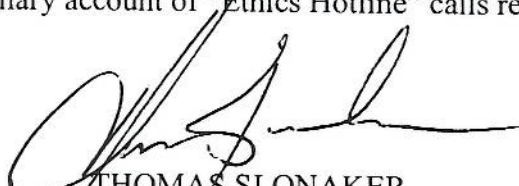
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Percy H. Dougherty, Chairman
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In accordance with Ordinance 1993-130, the County of Lehigh established a hotline (610-782-3999) for the reporting of suspected theft, fraud, and abuse of county resources 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 2008.



THOMAS SLONAKER
County Controller

January 12, 2009
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 2008 ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
01/16/08	Report of criminal activity in-progress at Fourth & Allen Streets, Allentown	---
01/17/08	Call requesting FBI contact	---
03/06/08	Lost cell phone battery charger – Office of Children/Youth Svcs.	E08-01
03/25/08	Employee complaint – Human Resources issue	E08-02
04/18/08	Lost cell phone – Office of Children/Youth Services	E08-03
05/12/08	Possible conflict of interest – Insurance Fraud office	E08-04
05/21/08	Bank deposit irregularity – Magisterial District Judge office	E08-05
06/02/08	Stolen county property-building materials – Chore Services	E08-06
06/20/08	Stolen county property-GPS system – Community Development	E08-07
07/30/08	Complaint – employee behavior – Parking Deck	---
08/11/08	Personal use of county asset	E08-08
09/22/08	Stolen county property-GPS system – Emergency Services	E08-09
10/01/08	Counterfeit currency – fiscal deposit	---
10/08/08	Counterfeit currency – LCP inmate deposit	---
10/10/08	Lost cell phone – Office of Children/Youth Services	E08-10
10/13/08	Criminal mischief – Linden Street East Lot	E08-11

* 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>
10/13/08	Citizen concern – Voter Registration fraud	---
10/15/08	Lost cell phone – Juvenile Probation	E08-12
11/26/08	Lost cell phone – Cedarbrook	E08-13
12/19/08	Theft – tires/rims – County Garage	E08-14
12/29/08	Break-in/theft – Domestic Relations	E08-15