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TO:

Final Report Distribution

FROM:

Glenn Eckhart, County Controller G.E.

DATE:

January 11, 2017

RE:

Ethics Hotline Activity - 2016

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2016. 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 OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Ethics Hotline Activity for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2016

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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 2016.

GLENN ECKHART County Controller

January 11, 2017 Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc:

Kay Achenbach, Director, Human Services
David Barilla, Clerk to Board of Commissioners
Board of Commissioners
Joseph Hanna, Sheriff
M. Judith Johnston, Human Resources Officer
Frank Kane, Director, Comm & Econ Dev
Michael Millan, Cty Det, Dist Atty's Office
Richard Molchany, Director, General Services

Thomas Muller, County Executive
Timothy Reeves, Fiscal Officer
The Honorable Edward Reibman, Pres Judge
Matthew Sorrentino, Solicitor, Dept of Law
Mary Sable, Director, Corrections
Joseph Shadid, Director, Cedarbrook
Joseph Turri, Human Resources Administrator
Kerry Turtzo, Court Administrator

ETHICS HOTLINE* SUMMARY OF 2016 ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	Ethics File No.
02-12-16	Supervisor Complaint - Aging	E16-01
03-29-16	Caregiver Complaint - Aging	E16-02
04-19-16	Unemployment Compensation Issue - Cedarbrook	E16-03
04-22-16	Alleged Stolen Personal Funds - Aging	E16-04
04-22-16	Alleged Missing Personal Items - Aging	E16-05
05-04-16	Alleged Unauthorized Constable Payments - Voters Registration	E16-06
05-10-16	Alleged Stolen Personal Funds - OCYS	E16-07
05-17-16	Gift from Vendor - County Administration	E16-08
06-16-16	Personal Data Privacy Concern	E16-09
06-21-16	Lost County Cellphone - Coroner	E16-10
08-08-16	Citizen Complaint – Local Realtor	E16-11
08-09-16	Citizen Complaint - OCYS	E16-12
09-12-16	IRS – County W2 Fraud	E16-13

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	Ethics File No.
09-13-16	Citizen Complaint – Housing Issue	
09-16-16	Citizen Complaint – IRS Phone Scam	
09-22-16	Citizen Complaint – Parking Issue	E16-14
10-13-16	Lost Handcuffs - Adult Probation	E16-15
10-19-16	Alleged Time Reporting Issue – Mail Room	E16-16
11-22-16	Missing Items – Judge's Jury Room	E16-17 E16-18
11-28-16	Alleged Drug Activity – County Vendor	E16-19
12-06-16	Missing Personal Funds – Mental Health	E16-20
12-19-16	Citizen's Complaint - Sands Casino	E16-21

^{*}Includes reports received per Administrative Notice 2001-4, "Supervisor's Report of Lost or Stolen Property".