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TO: Final Report Distribution
FROM: Glenn Eckhart, County Controller G.E.
DATE: January 12, 2018
RE: Ethics Hotline Activity - 2017

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2017. 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, 2017*

REPORT NO. 18-2

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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 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Eckhart".

GLENN ECKHART
County Controller

January 12, 2018
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc: Kay Achenbach, Director, Human Services
Phillips Armstrong, County Executive
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, Interim County Administrator
Sarah Murry, Solicitor, Department of Law
Timothy Reeves, Fiscal Officer
The Honorable Edward Reibman, Pres Judge
Mary Sable, Director, Corrections
Joseph Shadid, Director, Cedarbrook Homes
Joseph Turri, Human Resources Administrator
Kerry Turtzo, Court Administrator

ETHICS HOTLINE*
SUMMARY OF 2017 ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
01-01-17	Citizen report W2 Phishing Scam	---
03-17-17	Cedarbrook Resident Noise Complaint	E17-01
03-25-17	Nepotism/Excessive Overtime - Cedarbrook	E17-02
04-11-17	Lost Cell Phone – Sheriff’s Office	E17-03
04-17-17	Citizen Complaint – Personal Payroll Issue	E17-04
04-17-17	Missing Cell Phone Charger - OCYS	E17-05
04-18-17	Elder Abuse Allegation – Group Home	E17-06
05-02-17	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E17-07
05-12-17	Citizen Complaint – Home Security System Scam	E17-08
05-17-17	Lost Cell Phone - OCYS	E17-09
05-31-17	Impersonating Sheriff Deputy Complaint	E17-10
06-02-17	Alleged Excessive Overtime – MDC Office	E17-11
07-11-17	Alleged Unauthorized Absences – General Services	E17-12

*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>
08-21-17	Alleged Resident Abuse - Cedarbrook	E17-13
08-09-17	Lost Cell Phone - OCYS	E17-14
09-12-17	Alleged Employee Theft – General Services	E17-15
09-18-17	Citizen Complaint – Lottery Scam	E17-16
09-19-17	Lost Personal Property - OCYS	E17-17
10-23-17	Lost WIFI Hotspot Device - OCYS	E17-18
10-25-17	Citizen's Complaint – Prescription Scam	E17-19
10-31-17	Lost Officer's Badge – Juvenile Probation	E17-20
11-20-17	Inflated Work Hours – MDC Office	E17-21
11-21-17	Missing Child Car Seats – OCYS	E17-22
12-15-17	Check Fraud – MDC Office	E17-23
12-15-17	Citizen Complaint – International Money Transfer	---
12-18-17	Missing Cell Phone – Crisis Intervention	E17-24