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TO:

Final Report Distribution

FROM:

Glenn Eckhart, County Controller G.E.

DATE:

January 10, 2019

RE:

Ethics Hotline Activity - 2018

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2018. 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 OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Ethics Hotline Activity for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018

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Marty Nothstein, Chair Lehigh County Board of Commissioners Lehigh County Government Center 17 South Seventh Street Allentown, PA 18101-2400

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 2018.

GLENN ECKHART County Controller

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc:

Kay Achenbach, Director, Human Services
Phillips Armstrong, County Executive
David Barilla, Clerk to Board of Commissioners
Board of Commissioners
Jason Cumello, Asst. Admin., Cedarbrook
Janine Donate, Director, Corrections
Joseph Hanna, Sheriff
Edward Hozza Jr., County Administrator
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

Sarah Murray, Solicitor, Department of Law Timothy Reeves, Fiscal Officer The Honorable Edward Reibman, Pres. Judge Joseph Turri, Human Resources Administrator Kerry Turtzo, Court Administrator

## ETHICS HOTLINE\* SUMMARY OF 2018 ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	Ethics File No.
1/18/2018	Alleged Nepotism - Clerk of Judicial Records	E18-01
2/7/2018	Anonymous Complaint - Bail Bondsman - Clerk of Judicial Records	E18-02
2/9/2018	Employee Complaint - Personnel Issue - General Services	E18-03
2/12/2018	Employee Complaint - Use of County Resources - General Services	E18-04
2/15/2018	Alleged Inflated Work Hours - General Services	E18-05
3/6/2018	Citizen Inquiry of Taxes Due - Fiscal Office	E18-06
3/8/2018	Lost Cell Phone - Juvenile Probation	E18-07
3/14/2018	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E18-08
3/15/2018	Contract Dispute - Potential Over-Billing - OCYS	E18-09
3/15/2018	Lost Cell Phone - Adult Probation	E18-10
3/20/2018	Lost Cell Phone - OCYS	E18-11
3/29/2018	Anonymous Complaint - Probation Violation	E18-12
4/16/2018	Allegations of Hostile Work Environment - Aging	E18-13
4/17/2018	Allegations of Hostile Work Environment - Cedarbrook	E18-14
5/3/2018	Citizen Complaint - Child Placement Concern - OCYS	E18-15
5/4/2018	Citizen Complaint - Alleged Harassment in the Workplace	E18-16
5/8/2018	Alleged Harassment from Former Employee - Community Development	E18-17
5/18/2018	Lost Personal Property - Information Technology	E18-18
5/31/2018	Inappropriate Use of County Resources - Administration	E18-19
6/1/2018	Anonymous Complaint - Leave Time Reporting - Sheriff	E18-20

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	Ethics File <u>No.</u>
6/29/2018	Citizen Complaint - Case Administration - OCYS	E18-21
7/10/2018	Lost Cell Phone - District Attorney	E18-22
7/18/2018	Inappropriate Use of County Resources - Administration	E18-23
7/20/2018	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E18-24
8/8/2018	Anonymous Complaint - Job Posting - Human Resources	E18-25
8/22/2018	Lost Handcuffs - Adult Probation	E18-26
8/31/2018	Missing Prescription Medication - OCYS	E18-27
9/12/2018	Lost Flashlight - Adult Probation	E18-28
9/19/2018	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E18-29
9/25/2018	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E18-30
10/16/2018	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E18-31
10/17/2018	Lost Handcuffs - Adult Probation	E18-32
11/1/2018	Alleged Inflated Work Hours - Aging and Adult Services	E18-33
11/8/2018	Alleged Hostile Work Environment - Sheriff	E18-34

<sup>\*</sup>Includes reports received per Administrative Notice 2001-4, "Supervisor's Report of Lost or missing Property".