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TO: Final Report Distribution
FROM: Glenn Eckhart, County Controller G.E.
DATE: January 12, 2016
RE: Ethics Hotline Activity - 2015

We have compiled a listing of ethics hotline activity for 2015. 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, 2015*

REPORT NO. 16-3

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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 2015.

GLENN ECKHART
County Controller

January 12, 2016
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Attachment

xc: Kay Achenbach, Director, Human Services
David Barilla, Clerk to Board of Commissioners
William Berndt, Court Administrator
Board of Commissioners
Joseph Hanna, Sheriff's Office
M. Judith Johnston, Human Resources Officer
Frank Kane, Director, Comm & Econ Dev
Edwin Keys, Director, Cedarbrook
Daniel McCarthy, Director, Administration

Michael Milan, 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
Edward Sweeney, Director, Corrections
Joseph Turri, Human Resources Administrator

ETHICS HOTLINE*
SUMMARY OF 2015 ACTIVITY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
01-02-15	Alleged Abuse of County Time - OCYS	E15-01
01-20-15	Question on Court Transcripts – Court Administration	E15-02
01-25-15	Alleged Conflict of Interest – Department of Law	E15-03
02-06-15	Missing County Cell Phone - Cedarbrook	E15-04
02-27-15	Alleged Resident Mistreatment - Cedarbrook	E15-05
03-18-15	Alleged Abuse of County Time - Cedarbrook	E15-06
04-12-15	Alleged Abuse of County Time - Aging	E15-07
04-17-15	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E15-08
05-12-15	Employee Performance Complaint - Sheriff	---
05-19-15	Citizen Complaint from Client – MH/ID	E15-09
05-28-15	Missing Personal Cell Phone - OCYS	E15-10
06-17-15	Alleged Phone Scam – County Citizen	E15-11
06-18-15	Alleged Inappropriate Caseworker Actions - OCYS	E15-12

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Ethics File No.</u>
07-15-15	Alleged Illegal Drug Activity – County Citizen	E15-13
07-22-15	Alleged Phone Scam – County Citizen	E15-14
08-12-15	Stolen County Property – Government Center Maintenance	E15-15
09-24-15	Lost County Property – Juvenile Probation	E15-16
07-10-15	Alleged Vendor Overcharges - Jail <i>(Refer to Audit Report #15-18)</i>	E15-17
10-08-15	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E15-18
09-11-15 09-16-15	Reports of Counterfeit Checks Received – Bureau of Collections	E15-19
10-14-15	Missing Personal Property - OCYS	E15-20
11-04-15	Alleged Misappropriation of Donated Items/Funds - OCYS	E15-21
11-23-15	Citizen Concerns – Lehigh County Pretrial Services	E15-22
12-03-15	Citizen Concern – County Vendor	E15-23
12-14-15	Possible Misuse of County Website – County Citizen	E15-24
12-23-15	Alleged Abuse of County Time/Resources – Gov Ctr Maintenance	E15-25

*Includes reports received per Administrative Notice 2001-4, “Supervisor’s Report of Lost or Stolen Property”.