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Fraud Investigation Report Summary July – September 2003

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income and maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) internet web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
 - July 2003 (Version 1, dated September 30, 2003)
 - August 2003 (Version 2, dated January 6, 2004)
 - September 2003 (Version 2, dated January 6, 2004)
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
 - July 2003 (Version 1, dated October 31, 2003)
 - August 2003 (Version 1, dated November 26, 2003)
 - September 2003 (Version 1, dated December 9, 2003)
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
 - July 2003 (Version 2, dated December 1, 2003)
 - August 2003 (Version 2, dated November 25, 2003)
 - September 2003 (Version 1, dated November 25, 2003)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

July – September 2003

Investigation Requests

- 40,763 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 13,588 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.8% of the 493,551 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during July – September 2003).
- 39,270 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 96% of the 40,763 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 24,631 (62%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - ▶ 5,855 (15%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ 5,354 (14%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 3,430 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 108,125 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 68,855 (64%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 39,270 (36%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 42,085 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 39% of the 108,125 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 15,522 (37%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 26,563 (63%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 42,085 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 7,343 (17%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 3,866 (9%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 2,291 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,835 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 910 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 777 (2%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 191 (.45%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 42,085 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 4,577 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 3,692 (81%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 885 (19%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 4,577 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - ▶ 834 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 834 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - ▶ 919 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$7,868,701 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$5,903,236 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights July – September 2003

Investigation Requests

- 59,618 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 19,873 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 679,956 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during July – September 2003).
- 57,486 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 96% of the 59,618 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 34,722 (60%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - ▶ 9,482 (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ 9,484 (16%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 3,798 (6%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 151,071 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 93,585 (62%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 57,486 (38%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 58,038 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 38% of the 151,071 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 20,746 (36%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 37,292 (64%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - Of the 58,038 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 10,349 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 4,720 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 2,659 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 2,642 (5%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 1,040 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 551 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 222 (.38%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.
- Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 58,038 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 5,206 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 4,190 (80%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 1,016 (20%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 5,206 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - ▶ 872 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 17% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 872 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - ▶ 998 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained are from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$4,777,095 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,052,805 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**July – September 2003**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	26	22	8	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador			✓	
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte		✓		
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced		✓		
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco		✓		
San Joaquin		✓		
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

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Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 2003

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	493,551	40,763	39,270	42,085	15,522	26,563	65,909
Alameda	17,774	978	972	1,413	835	578	822
Alpine	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	259	64	64	47	5	42	77
Butte	4,150	442	439	433	163	270	626
Calaveras	381	193	193	193	56	137	3
Colusa	187	17	17	17	8	9	29
Contra Costa	8,226	416	408	427	225	202	432
Del Norte	797	21	21	37	7	30	76
El Dorado	988	81	81	63	26	37	407
Fresno	22,774	1,102	1,072	885	426	459	818
Glenn	474	179	179	172	43	129	160
Humboldt	1,950	87	87	130	56	74	70
Imperial	3,969	165	165	166	137	29	451
Inyo	119	16	16	2	1	1	39
Kern	16,787	1,978	1,891	1,858	964	894	1,328
Kings	2,466	693	693	801	159	642	607
Lake	1,395	132	132	114	64	50	117
Lassen	484	165	165	144	46	98	25
Los Angeles	173,778	8,113	7,200	7,417	2,694	4,723	36,680
Madera	3,192	448	448	655	61	594	88
Marin	846	36	36	51	43	8	433
Mariposa	190	12	12	9	3	6	26
Mendocino	1,511	310	310	161	93	68	446
Merced	5,950	512	508	691	295	396	652
Modoc	189	11	11	22	4	18	5
Mono	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4,491	247	239	433	71	362	855
Napa	439	23	23	12	4	8	147
Nevada	556	33	28	20	9	11	92
Orange	18,799	2,595	2,588	2,699	1,482	1,217	2,970
Placer	1,311	61	61	51	20	31	153
Plumas	144	23	23	24	18	6	2
Riverside	20,500	5,693	5,678	5,634	966	4,668	1,156
Sacramento	28,811	1,775	1,646	2,389	1,182	1,207	2,258
San Benito	648	29	29	37	20	17	15
San Bernardino	35,886	3,411	3,409	4,178	921	3,257	19
San Diego	25,366	4,391	4,190	4,011	1,290	2,721	3,182
San Francisco	6,340	332	332	405	381	24	2,148
San Joaquin	13,090	179	179	143	95	48	414
San Luis Obispo	1,656	138	138	142	83	59	229
San Mateo	2,358	142	142	169	60	109	20
Santa Barbara	3,937	177	176	176	85	91	266
Santa Clara	13,931	584	552	558	270	288	432
Santa Cruz	1,788	438	438	438	67	371	51
Shasta	3,176	281	281	293	217	76	750
Sierra	29	8	8	7	2	5	6
Siskiyou	793	297	297	252	145	107	104
Solano	4,244	869	855	942	384	558	1,718
Sonoma	2,617	122	119	279	117	162	693
Stanislaus	8,537	542	536	624	423	201	1,148
Sutter	1,081	277	277	276	130	146	112
Tehama	1,200	95	95	93	14	79	44
Trinity	185	38	36	43	1	42	37
Tulare	12,071	230	224	354	35	319	1,487
Tuolumne	648	210	199	162	83	79	134
Ventura	5,864	367	367	351	141	210	449
Yolo	2,236	196	196	166	87	79	332
Yuba	1,909	789	789	816	305	511	69

a/ Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2003 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 July 2003 Item 4, was 68,855.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 2003

County	Early Fraud Prevention/Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	24,631	5,354	3,430	1,399	801	320	3,335
Alameda	563	261	78	24	5	2	39
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	8	8	3	1	0	44
Butte	17	20	160	27	28	7	180
Calaveras	135	6	15	2	9	9	17
Colusa	0	2	5	4	0	1	5
Contra Costa	233	105	10	10	0	0	50
Del Norte	2	0	10	2	0	1	6
El Dorado	9	8	19	15	7	1	22
Fresno	214	455	209	154	14	1	25
Glenn	92	3	20	11	28	2	23
Humboldt	35	2	29	4	0	1	16
Imperial	91	0	35	10	23	2	4
Inyo	1	4	1	10	0	0	0
Kern	943	37	276	124	20	12	479
Kings	600	5	45	18	11	0	14
Lake	2	17	67	16	10	0	20
Lassen	144	0	11	0	7	2	1
Los Angeles	4,112	2,658	125	56	0	29	220
Madera	394	12	17	14	3	1	7
Marin	3	8	5	9	0	1	10
Mariposa	4	1	3	0	2	0	2
Mendocino	7	31	21	5	1	6	239
Merced	229	76	107	51	9	1	35
Modoc	8	0	1	0	1	0	1
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	149	3	26	6	2	6	47
Napa	0	0	15	4	0	1	3
Nevada	6	0	10	3	4	2	3
Orange	2,323	113	35	39	0	1	77
Placer	6	0	30	11	8	1	5
Plumas	9	3	6	3	1	0	1
Riverside	5,041	203	167	69	13	12	173
Sacramento	1,019	216	101	45	49	4	212
San Benito	0	3	5	7	0	0	14
San Bernardino	1,380	36	829	158	315	115	576
San Diego	3,741	232	71	53	26	5	62
San Francisco	72	182	1	0	0	0	77
San Joaquin	118	33	13	5	1	6	3
San Luis Obispo	42	4	40	9	17	2	24
San Mateo	39	3	25	38	5	0	32
Santa Barbara	47	15	55	15	12	3	29
Santa Clara	398	37	76	37	0	2	2
Santa Cruz	164	240	6	7	3	8	10
Shasta	122	9	89	18	10	7	26
Sierra	0	0	4	1	3	0	0
Siskiyou	116	0	60	17	32	42	30
Solano	622	102	70	48	12	0	1
Sonoma	41	38	23	11	0	0	6
Stanislaus	124	96	168	31	43	6	68
Sutter	198	2	24	22	3	1	27
Tehama	17	0	28	14	5	1	30
Trinity	14	5	4	4	3	4	2
Tulare	0	29	62	66	9	6	52
Tuolumne	143	5	25	17	1	0	8
Ventura	322	0	3	23	0	1	18
Yolo	79	15	29	24	18	4	27
Yuba	441	11	53	25	27	1	231

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 2003

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	7,343	910	191	3,866	1,835	2,291	777
Alameda	326	86	13	305	41	64	88
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Butte	60	21	0	18	57	7	4
Calaveras	35	0	0	0	16	4	0
Colusa	2	0	0	0	6	0	0
Contra Costa	70	6	2	60	0	87	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	3	3	1	0
El Dorado	0	1	0	3	3	25	0
Fresno	61	64	117	98	63	23	59
Glenn	17	0	0	7	17	2	0
Humboldt	20	8	0	16	27	5	0
Imperial	26	6	0	3	8	12	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	556	43	1	122	165	74	71
Kings	132	6	0	8	9	4	0
Lake	5	11	0	10	20	12	1
Lassen	43	0	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	1,442	216	0	918	18	786	0
Madera	2	16	0	10	24	9	0
Marin	3	0	0	20	13	7	1
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	62	4	24	1
Merced	23	50	0	46	109	20	0
Modoc	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	83	7	0	1	5	47	183
Napa	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
Nevada	4	0	0	0	4	1	0
Orange	808	32	12	178	437	233	3
Placer	2	6	0	4	8	0	0
Plumas	2	0	0	2	6	8	0
Riverside	758	30	0	162	0	2	1
Sacramento	402	13	0	649	111	7	271
San Benito	1	0	0	4	15	0	0
San Bernardino	364	40	1	136	180	204	0
San Diego	911	54	33	300	8	79	0
San Francisco	0	5	0	97	38	0	1
San Joaquin	50	29	0	0	1	19	1
San Luis Obispo	18	3	0	3	49	3	3
San Mateo	24	2	0	16	13	5	0
Santa Barbara	15	5	0	29	32	16	0
Santa Clara	182	34	0	20	0	34	10
Santa Cruz	36	5	0	19	7	0	0
Shasta	59	10	0	14	28	106	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Siskiyou	16	0	0	25	34	70	0
Solano	198	17	0	125	3	41	43
Sonoma	21	2	1	96	39	87	4
Stanislaus	58	15	9	200	151	41	1
Sutter	67	4	0	21	11	29	0
Tehama	5	3	2	0	3	1	0
Trinity	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tulare	0	15	0	3	0	17	31
Tuolumne	48	1	0	6	5	24	0
Ventura	135	6	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	20	25	0	13	14	27	0
Yuba	222	12	0	34	17	20	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 2003

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	885	4,577	834	154
Alameda	86	578	27	20
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	10	17	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	5	77	3	0
Del Norte	0	7	0	0
El Dorado	1	1	0	0
Fresno	64	136	65	1
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	9	13	10	0
Imperial	3	40	2	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0
Kern	43	135	57	3
Kings	6	7	2	0
Lake	11	32	8	1
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	216	398	181	52
Madera	16	16	16	0
Marin	0	1	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	13	0	0
Merced	50	708	32	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	7	49	4	2
Napa	0	27	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	34	79	32	1
Placer	6	63	9	2
Plumas	0	8	0	0
Riverside	31	44	34	1
Sacramento	13	419	11	6
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	40	474	23	0
San Diego	53	425	66	0
San Francisco	5	95	0	1
San Joaquin	29	133	35	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	69	62	0
Santa Barbara	5	5	4	1
Santa Clara	34	66	26	1
Santa Cruz	5	5	5	0
Shasta	10	16	9	0
Sierra	0	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	17	234	32	54
Sonoma	2	9	0	0
Stanislaus	15	15	15	0
Sutter	4	4	3	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	2	2	0
Tulare	15	15	14	1
Tuolumne	1	17	1	0
Ventura	6	46	3	6
Yolo	25	25	25	0
Yuba	5	45	6	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2003 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2003's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 2003

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	919	9	25	135	452	12	91	0
Alameda	148	0	0	0	298	0	20	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	58	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	80	1	0	0	6	0	1	0
Kings	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	165	0	0	0	23	0	0	0
Madera	17	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	13	0	0	13	12	0	0	0
Merced	20	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	14	0	2	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	31	1	0	0	12	12	0	0
Placer	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	60	0	0	87	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	53	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	38	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Diego	47	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	3	0	0	0	8	0	1	0
San Joaquin	34	0	0	0	11	0	3	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	43	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	15	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	11	0	0	0	1	0	54	0
Sonoma	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	32	0	0	19	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ventura	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	7	5	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 2003

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$7,868,701	\$5,903,236
Alameda	1,661,345	383,854
Alpine	0	0
Amador	2,922	703
Butte	121,549	10,573
Calaveras	0	1,080
Colusa	0	109
Contra Costa	185,170	56,046
Del Norte	8,745	6,210
El Dorado	4,710	33,392
Fresno	176,229	238,209
Glenn	6,219	10,081
Humboldt	10,354	10,316
Imperial	3,734	631
Inyo	0	577
Kern	174,978	92,339
Kings	53,644	68,924
Lake	32,243	16,933
Lassen	0	1,229
Los Angeles	1,571,911	1,516,226
Madera	28,222	23,974
Marin	28,750	35,058
Mariposa	1,092	267
Mendocino	90,829	31,859
Merced	65,564	19,371
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	32,869	69,388
Napa	0	1,985
Nevada	0	3,191
Orange	240,377	188,790
Placer	16,638	32,039
Plumas	373	3,150
Riverside	198,329	200,959
Sacramento	1,178,424	579,595
San Benito	8,110	24,891
San Bernardino	290,564	196,600
San Diego	402,126	480,517
San Francisco	102,056	177,905
San Joaquin	82,618	46,334
San Luis Obispo	8,336	15,479
San Mateo	14,116	4,742
Santa Barbara	15,158	43,843
Santa Clara	230,180	481,215
Santa Cruz	35,193	33,168
Shasta	31,344	15,370
Sierra	0	661
Siskiyou	67,000	88,000
Solano	182,333	105,163
Sonoma	74,685	97,188
Stanislaus	216,143	125,555
Sutter	19,765	5,399
Tehama	0	1,370
Trinity	0	240
Tulare	109,260	0
Tuolumne	8,372	4,750
Ventura	3,245	253,489
Yolo	34,009	39,962
Yuba	38,868	24,337

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
July – September 2003

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	679,956	59,618	57,486	58,038	20,746	37,292	93,884
Alameda	23,144	1,577	1,571	1,780	1,008	772	1,206
Alpine	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	415	83	83	57	8	49	98
Butte	5,889	396	393	417	186	231	581
Calaveras	630	427	427	427	110	317	10
Colusa	370	20	20	21	10	11	36
Contra Costa	0	551	541	550	307	243	485
Del Norte	1,254	28	28	43	11	32	75
El Dorado	1,617	95	95	85	27	58	408
Fresno	31,276	1,157	1,119	925	469	456	433
Glenn	720	367	367	358	82	276	421
Humboldt	3,790	119	118	161	68	93	83
Imperial	5,423	186	186	181	149	32	506
Inyo	375	18	18	7	3	4	53
Kern	22,046	2,787	2,694	2,650	1,104	1,546	2,200
Kings	4,092	926	926	1,021	203	818	753
Lake	1,847	151	151	141	80	61	142
Lassen	678	213	213	185	64	121	38
Los Angeles	268,754	13,749	12,224	10,816	3,629	7,187	56,009
Madera	4,743	652	652	923	78	845	172
Marin	0	72	72	78	62	16	1,099
Mariposa	275	17	17	13	5	8	40
Mendocino	2,860	366	366	195	99	96	457
Merced	8,307	736	731	1,021	420	601	620
Modoc	193	132	132	183	27	156	213
Mono	118	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5,608	324	316	457	83	374	621
Napa	651	50	50	34	12	22	213
Nevada	842	47	40	31	20	11	117
Orange	24,190	2,939	2,933	3,088	1,892	1,196	2,425
Placer	1,780	73	73	62	21	41	173
Plumas	208	31	31	31	23	8	11
Riverside	22,893	10,598	10,577	10,515	1,872	8,643	1,437
Sacramento	35,621	1,649	1,537	1,641	1,027	614	4,125
San Benito	923	15	15	22	20	2	22
San Bernardino	44,249	4,389	4,386	5,399	1,219	4,180	357
San Diego	28,240	4,235	4,037	3,838	1,393	2,445	4,108
San Francisco	18,623	1,203	1,203	1,271	947	324	4,140
San Joaquin	15,901	186	186	152	103	49	431
San Luis Obispo	2,491	169	169	177	109	68	284
San Mateo	3,162	224	224	223	87	136	40
Santa Barbara	5,801	275	275	275	129	146	252
Santa Clara	19,847	856	821	836	385	451	574
Santa Cruz	3,557	1,170	1,170	1,169	156	1,013	104
Shasta	4,245	416	416	442	325	117	911
Sierra	40	9	9	12	7	5	5
Siskiyou	1,359	674	674	573	304	269	207
Solano	0	1,169	1,153	1,259	451	808	1,991
Sonoma	4,554	182	179	292	142	150	782
Stanislaus	11,428	657	650	758	516	242	1,357
Sutter	1,575	410	410	417	220	197	170
Tehama	1,942	95	95	93	14	79	44
Trinity	299	59	56	70	1	69	54
Tulare	16,790	317	309	452	43	409	1,541
Tuolumne	896	371	347	287	154	133	206
Ventura	8,801	542	542	523	207	316	496
Yolo	2,078	309	309	261	124	137	487
Yuba	2,515	1,150	1,150	1,140	531	609	61

a/ Data is the monthly average of the Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 September 2003 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 July 2003 Item 4 was 93,585.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
July – September 2003

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	34,722	9,484	3,798	1,819	1,014	516	6,133
Alameda	704	291	91	29	6	3	447
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	10	10	4	3	3	53
Butte	16	20	175	34	29	10	109
Calaveras	344	6	21	5	14	12	25
Colusa	0	3	6	4	0	1	6
Contra Costa	269	183	10	15	0	0	64
Del Norte	2	0	10	2	4	1	9
El Dorado	20	10	22	15	7	1	20
Fresno	243	470	219	157	15	3	12
Glenn	148	3	47	38	59	18	54
Humboldt	35	2	32	9	4	2	34
Imperial	97	0	40	15	28	2	4
Inyo	1	6	1	10	0	0	0
Kern	953	49	265	151	20	12	1,244
Kings	763	11	46	31	15	0	60
Lake	3	20	67	20	12	0	29
Lassen	190	0	12	0	8	2	1
Los Angeles	6,155	5,497	137	156	0	36	243
Madera	581	17	21	20	3	1	9
Marin	9	8	5	11	2	1	36
Mariposa	7	1	3	0	2	2	2
Mendocino	8	24	23	7	1	7	296
Merced	340	133	115	64	12	2	65
Modoc	109	2	8	2	0	5	6
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	180	5	23	7	1	6	94
Napa	0	0	28	7	1	2	12
Nevada	13	0	11	4	5	2	5
Orange	2,665	176	35	40	0	1	16
Placer	6	0	32	11	8	2	14
Plumas	14	3	8	4	1	0	1
Riverside	9,750	233	227	77	15	14	261
Sacramento	822	291	90	47	37	4	246
San Benito	0	4	0	6	0	1	4
San Bernardino	1,418	62	963	199	398	155	1,191
San Diego	3,485	349	70	66	41	7	19
San Francisco	92	352	1	0	0	0	758
San Joaquin	121	35	13	6	1	6	4
San Luis Obispo	47	8	49	13	16	3	33
San Mateo	50	3	31	68	6	0	66
Santa Barbara	105	22	54	20	13	4	57
Santa Clara	654	46	77	39	0	2	3
Santa Cruz	564	552	8	10	4	10	22
Shasta	225	11	99	25	13	8	35
Sierra	0	0	4	2	3	0	0
Siskiyou	333	0	68	32	69	136	36
Solano	794	229	68	47	14	0	1
Sonoma	42	86	19	10	1	3	18
Stanislaus	140	169	171	32	41	7	90
Sutter	300	3	35	35	5	1	31
Tehama	17	0	28	14	5	1	30
Trinity	29	5	5	5	3	5	4
Tulare	0	39	70	96	11	6	87
Tuolumne	283	5	30	22	1	0	6
Ventura	492	0	2	24	0	0	24
Yolo	151	19	34	29	23	4	49
Yuba	933	11	59	23	34	2	88

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
July – September 2003

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	10,349	1,040	222	4,720	2,642	2,659	551
Alameda	421	89	11	357	64	66	82
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Butte	84	24	0	20	53	5	4
Calaveras	84	0	0	0	19	6	0
Colusa	3	1	0	0	6	0	0
Contra Costa	97	4	5	107	0	94	0
Del Norte	1	1	0	5	3	1	0
El Dorado	1	1	0	7	4	26	0
Fresno	70	61	128	109	74	27	31
Glenn	25	0	0	14	40	3	0
Humboldt	25	8	0	19	30	7	0
Imperial	30	6	0	3	9	14	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Kern	650	54	0	133	187	76	1
Kings	171	8	0	8	12	4	0
Lake	8	12	0	25	23	15	1
Lassen	61	0	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	2,026	235	0	1,096	92	1,015	0
Madera	12	15	0	15	32	14	0
Marin	6	0	0	26	17	13	2
Mariposa	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Mendocino	7	0	0	54	6	32	11
Merced	36	80	0	83	175	22	0
Modoc	18	0	0	0	4	5	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	121	7	0	1	8	47	165
Napa	3	0	0	0	8	6	0
Nevada	13	0	0	0	6	1	0
Orange	1,088	43	16	214	566	77	3
Placer	4	6	0	3	8	0	0
Plumas	7	0	0	2	7	7	0
Riverside	1,624	32	0	194	0	3	1
Sacramento	388	10	0	598	29	2	37
San Benito	2	0	0	3	15	0	0
San Bernardino	419	53	0	210	288	252	0
San Diego	875	57	47	431	15	87	0
San Francisco	1	8	0	225	270	0	1
San Joaquin	54	30	0	1	2	21	1
San Luis Obispo	24	4	0	7	59	5	5
San Mateo	34	2	0	24	19	8	0
Santa Barbara	39	9	0	43	38	19	0
Santa Clara	298	31	0	21	0	35	12
Santa Cruz	96	5	0	36	18	1	0
Shasta	97	23	0	7	32	166	0
Sierra	0	0	0	2	5	0	0
Siskiyou	49	0	0	23	72	160	0
Solano	265	19	0	122	3	42	150
Sonoma	30	3	1	108	47	95	4
Stanislaus	72	15	12	260	183	39	1
Sutter	118	11	0	47	14	34	0
Tehama	5	3	2	0	3	1	0
Trinity	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tulare	0	17	0	3	0	23	39
Tuolumne	107	1	0	7	8	32	0
Ventura	200	7	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	32	30	0	26	17	31	0
Yuba	440	14	0	21	40	16	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
July – September 2003

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,016	5,206	872	173
Alameda	89	528	27	25
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	13	22	12	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	5	65	3	0
Del Norte	1	7	0	0
El Dorado	1	1	0	0
Fresno	61	100	62	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	9	14	10	0
Imperial	3	40	2	0
Inyo	1	1	0	0
Kern	54	148	66	3
Kings	8	9	4	2
Lake	12	35	9	2
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	235	900	177	52
Madera	15	15	15	0
Marin	0	2	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	23	0	0
Merced	80	893	52	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	7	52	3	2
Napa	0	31	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	44	86	41	2
Placer	6	75	9	2
Plumas	0	6	0	0
Riverside	33	49	38	1
Sacramento	10	326	10	5
San Benito	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino	53	535	23	0
San Diego	57	353	63	0
San Francisco	8	145	5	1
San Joaquin	30	140	32	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	58	48	0
Santa Barbara	9	9	8	1
Santa Clara	31	63	24	1
Santa Cruz	5	5	5	0
Shasta	23	29	11	8
Sierra	0	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	19	231	34	55
Sonoma	3	10	0	0
Stanislaus	15	15	15	0
Sutter	11	11	3	8
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	2	2	0
Tulare	17	17	17	0
Tuolumne	1	19	0	0
Ventura	9	40	3	3
Yolo	30	30	30	0
Yuba	5	54	7	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 July 2003 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2003's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
July – September 2003

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	998	8	38	144	488	11	102	0
Alameda	162	0	0	0	332	0	25	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	3	0	5	0	3	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	63	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	92	1	0	0	7	0	1	0
Kings	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	157	0	0	0	23	0	0	0
Madera	21	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	14	0	0	14	13	0	0	0
Merced	35	0	0	0	5	0	9	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	2	13	0	2	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	36	0	0	0	11	11	0	0
Placer	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	66	0	0	93	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	52	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	47	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Diego	53	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Francisco	3	0	0	0	8	0	1	0
San Joaquin	27	0	0	0	11	0	5	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	42	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	18	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	24	0	0	0	1	0	55	0
Sonoma	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	2	0	8	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	36	0	0	22	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ventura	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	9	6	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
July – September 2003

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,777,095	\$2,052,805
Alameda	807,518	223,625
Alpine	0	0
Amador	1,183	312
Butte	15,506	8,304
Calaveras	0	294
Colusa	1,183	385
Contra Costa	63,598	13,611
Del Norte	5,660	3,283
El Dorado	2,182	14,162
Fresno	200,419	112,158
Glenn	5,503	9,373
Humboldt	6,819	7,504
Imperial	1,770	0
Inyo	386	774
Kern	125,292	85,148
Kings	32,810	42,311
Lake	24,064	10,372
Lassen	0	219
Los Angeles	627,953	18,551
Madera	21,371	20,661
Marin	16,147	24,755
Mariposa	218	92
Mendocino	36,674	18,369
Merced	83,391	6,804
Modoc	256	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	14,948	41,329
Napa	144	2,205
Nevada	130	472
Orange	174,239	66,816
Placer	7,109	11,109
Plumas	132	2,838
Riverside	109,178	73,255
Sacramento	1,096,196	199,361
San Benito	3,098	11,929
San Bernardino	166,970	145,105
San Diego	272,097	68,834
San Francisco	96,535	124,627
San Joaquin	51,879	29,907
San Luis Obispo	6,685	7,803
San Mateo	8,261	3,218
Santa Barbara	13,201	13,269
Santa Clara	120,951	131,261
Santa Cruz	27,117	7,802
Shasta	26,025	14,374
Sierra	72	629
Siskiyou	86,000	128,000
Solano	81,324	70,625
Sonoma	27,955	39,979
Stanislaus	162,866	96,640
Sutter	22,971	4,993
Tehama	0	1,198
Trinity	0	112
Tulare	70,766	0
Tuolumne	6,094	3,442
Ventura	0	83,677
Yolo	30,191	31,115
Yuba	14,058	15,814



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