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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 2006

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 Data Reports (RADR) internet website at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
January, February and March 2006
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
January, February and March 2006
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report
January, February and March 2006

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 January – March 2006

Investigation Requests

- **32,089** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **10,696** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.23%** of the **479,568** CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during **January – March 2006**).
- **31,349** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **98%** of the **32,089** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **21,071 (67%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **5,378 (17%)** 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.
 - ▶ **3,351 (11%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **1,549 (5%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **90,713** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **59,364 (65%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **31,349 (35%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **34,579** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **38%** of the **90,713** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **11,062 (32%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **23,517 (68%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **34,579** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **6,437 (19%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **1,834 (5%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **1,696 (5%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **1,581 (5%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **802 (2%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **523 (2%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **30 (.09%)** 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 **34,579** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **2,770** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **2,203 (80%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **567 (20%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **2,770** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **450 prosecutions** were filed. This is **16%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **450** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **425 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- **\$4,050,673 fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$4,593,542 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2006

Investigation Requests

- **49,704** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **16,568** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.04%** of the **811,148** Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during **January – March 2006**).
- **48,553** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **98%** of the **49,704** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **29,368 (60%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **10,982 (23%)** 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.
 - ▶ **4,188 (9%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **4,015 (8%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **158,607** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **110,054 (69%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **48,553 (31%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **53,353** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **34%** of the **158,607** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **16,076 (30%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **37,277 (70%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **53,353** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **9,013 (17%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **2,580 (5%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **2,489 (5%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **2,198 (4%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **867 (2%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **645 (1%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **41 (.08%)** 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 **53,353** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **3,563** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **2,839 (80%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **724 (20%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **3,563** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **480 prosecutions** were filed. This is **13%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **480** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **450 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- **\$2,691,771 fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$1,565,302 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January – March 2006**

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	21	9	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
January – March 2006

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	479,568	32,089	31,349	34,579	11,062	23,517	55,047
Alameda	19,789	504	503	483	239	244	1,053
Alpine	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	256	30	30	30	19	11	64
Butte	3,824	351	341	288	106	182	778
Calaveras	395	232	232	232	91	141	0
Colusa	227	10	10	16	4	12	7
Contra Costa	9,252	244	223	331	180	151	125
Del Norte	884	0	0	0	0	0	43
El Dorado	1,011	50	50	61	32	29	460
Fresno	24,072	265	265	182	100	82	1,369
Glenn	477	166	166	124	25	99	162
Humboldt	1,860	277	277	268	66	202	91
Imperial	3,812	78	78	80	51	29	644
Inyo	167	3	3	0	0	0	49
Kern	17,395	874	874	848	443	405	500
Kings	2,672	611	611	602	224	378	271
Lake	1,146	77	77	87	45	42	88
Lassen	503	31	31	32	5	27	11
Los Angeles	157,794	5,376	5,024	10,351	2,279	8,072	33,331
Madera	2,984	378	378	441	29	412	122
Marin	999	43	43	39	22	17	396
Mariposa	192	3	3	0	0	0	38
Mendocino	1,562	50	47	76	52	24	453
Merced	7,207	322	310	311	125	186	491
Modoc	194	82	82	82	34	48	23
Mono	44	0	0	2	2	0	2
Monterey	4,813	328	326	197	54	143	335
Napa	561	33	33	34	18	16	177
Nevada	542	10	8	8	7	1	69
Orange	16,658	1,591	1,591	1,558	948	610	457
Placer	1,530	22	22	26	12	14	159
Plumas	172	13	13	9	7	2	5
Riverside	19,990	6,156	6,130	5,711	1,166	4,545	1,366
Sacramento	28,660	1,080	1,039	1,954	689	1,265	279
San Benito	700	22	22	23	17	6	17
San Bernardino	31,775	3,538	3,538	1,823	877	946	1,141
San Diego	23,604	3,531	3,417	3,275	890	2,385	977
San Francisco	5,129	388	388	229	223	6	2,302
San Joaquin	14,195	211	211	177	118	59	278
San Luis Obispo	1,706	111	111	101	43	58	159
San Mateo	2,494	206	206	6	6	0	1,363
Santa Barbara	4,365	202	153	159	79	80	144
Santa Clara	15,113	279	245	266	135	131	218
Santa Cruz	2,208	302	298	288	63	225	200
Shasta	3,270	261	261	268	163	105	209
Sierra	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	869	233	233	203	100	103	117
Solano	4,985	816	813	751	221	530	932
Sonoma	2,916	115	115	142	62	80	185
Stanislaus	9,205	794	777	612	358	254	1,506
Sutter	1,175	254	254	256	91	165	24
Tehama	1,236	157	157	166	28	138	76
Trinity	202	32	32	27	0	27	40
Tulare	12,388	121	121	199	22	177	719
Tuolumne	584	145	129	142	66	76	78
Ventura	5,862	261	261	261	112	149	329
Yolo	2,136	153	120	88	28	60	577
Yuba	1,754	667	667	654	286	368	38

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 may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2006 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 January 2006 Item 4 was 59,364.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2006

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	21,071	1,549	3,351	1,037	859	298	3,184
Alameda	443	17	14	9	1	2	17
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	8	3	5	4	10
Butte	45	2	102	23	19	1	149
Calaveras	158	3	17	13	9	5	27
Colusa	0	0	3	4	1	0	2
Contra Costa	143	49	9	22	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	6	10	11	9	1	13
Fresno	100	30	81	33	16	1	4
Glenn	67	3	16	37	23	1	19
Humboldt	32	0	55	26	5	122	37
Imperial	36	0	19	8	15	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kern	361	27	281	90	37	13	65
Kings	439	3	88	37	21	6	17
Lake	9	1	26	5	1	0	35
Lassen	22	0	5	1	2	1	0
Los Angeles	3,310	610	49	20	0	5	1,030
Madera	332	1	18	7	7	0	13
Marin	4	16	7	4	1	0	11
Mariposa	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	12	17	7	1	1	5
Merced	45	25	77	32	13	0	118
Modoc	72	0	6	0	0	1	3
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	118	16	12	5	74	2	99
Napa	0	0	20	2	3	0	8
Nevada	5	0	2	0	1	0	0
Orange	1,470	16	29	28	2	2	44
Placer	0	0	10	2	5	1	4
Plumas	3	0	6	1	2	1	0
Riverside	5,483	30	349	68	30	17	153
Sacramento	685	1	51	23	20	2	257
San Benito	0	0	7	8	0	0	7
San Bernardino	1,794	4	833	164	236	6	501
San Diego	3,176	78	46	32	10	2	73
San Francisco	95	291	0	0	0	0	2
San Joaquin	112	0	52	2	0	8	37
San Luis Obispo	24	3	31	10	11	2	30
San Mateo	86	1	34	59	19	0	7
Santa Barbara	35	11	37	21	10	1	38
Santa Clara	157	33	37	8	1	6	3
Santa Cruz	255	1	11	10	0	2	19
Shasta	122	0	88	18	6	4	23
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	90	0	42	11	39	41	10
Solano	578	121	62	19	19	0	14
Sonoma	22	22	37	3	4	2	25
Stanislaus	147	59	349	36	122	2	62
Sutter	197	0	26	14	3	1	13
Tehama	50	0	45	23	10	1	28
Trinity	9	0	5	1	2	3	12
Tulare	0	1	79	28	2	0	11
Tuolumne	100	0	11	6	0	0	12
Ventura	62	40	71	7	6	28	47
Yolo	53	9	31	13	6	0	8
Yuba	520	7	29	19	30	0	62

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/}
January – March 2006

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	6,437	523	30	1,834	1,696	1,581	802
Alameda	211	8	0	8	0	12	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	8	18	0
Butte	65	7	0	8	28	4	1
Calaveras	58	0	0	12	12	9	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Contra Costa	9	9	0	84	0	78	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	4	3	22	0
Fresno	35	32	9	2	22	0	3
Glenn	5	1	0	5	10	8	0
Humboldt	29	1	0	5	24	11	0
Imperial	14	3	0	5	9	1	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	178	32	0	42	147	45	0
Kings	143	9	0	6	31	35	0
Lake	11	2	0	14	19	8	0
Lassen	6	0	0	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1,106	76	0	962	19	579	0
Madera	1	9	0	6	11	2	0
Marin	4	0	0	4	6	8	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	1	0	0	47	0	4	4
Merced	8	3	0	1	91	22	0
Modoc	33	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Monterey	81	16	0	4	19	2	1
Napa	2	1	0	4	3	8	0
Nevada	5	0	0	1	1	0	0
Orange	614	28	6	35	257	104	1
Placer	1	0	0	0	11	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	1	5	0
Riverside	1,079	33	0	53	0	1	0
Sacramento	536	6	0	52	92	3	762
San Benito	3	3	0	6	5	0	0
San Bernardino	464	107	0	88	428	64	0
San Diego	670	23	15	126	1	106	4
San Francisco	0	2	0	2	0	0	5
San Joaquin	77	8	0	0	21	12	4
San Luis Obispo	20	0	0	2	31	3	1
San Mateo	55	6	0	16	42	12	0
Santa Barbara	17	10	0	25	30	13	0
Santa Clara	65	10	0	16	6	38	2
Santa Cruz	53	3	0	1	6	0	1
Shasta	54	15	0	24	32	38	3
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	21	0	0	7	37	53	0
Solano	147	1	0	25	22	15	0
Sonoma	11	1	0	30	15	65	2
Stanislaus	88	10	0	75	149	100	0
Sutter	55	2	0	6	10	22	0
Tehama	7	2	0	0	11	8	0
Trinity	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tulare	0	17	0	1	2	2	0
Tuolumne	33	4	0	2	2	26	0
Ventura	105	7	0	0	0	0	8
Yolo	16	7	0	3	0	2	0
Yuba	238	6	0	15	16	11	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
January – March 2006

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	567	2,770	450	132
Alameda	8	413	2	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	6	14	5	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	5	21	2	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	31	149	40	1
Glenn	1	1	0	1
Humboldt	1	6	2	1
Imperial	3	47	0	0
Inyo	0	4	0	0
Kern	30	76	21	2
Kings	9	17	9	5
Lake	2	11	2	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	76	455	124	4
Madera	9	9	9	0
Marin	0	4	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	4	0	0
Merced	3	36	3	2
Modoc	1	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	16	57	17	0
Napa	1	9	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	25	67	22	1
Placer	0	43	0	0
Plumas	0	1	0	0
Riverside	42	54	39	2
Sacramento	6	392	9	2
San Benito	2	8	0	2
San Bernardino	20	20	20	0
San Diego	23	50	41	1
San Francisco	2	100	2	1
San Joaquin	8	95	4	0
San Luis Obispo	110	259	0	100
San Mateo	6	6	6	0
Santa Barbara	10	10	10	0
Santa Clara	10	28	12	0
Santa Cruz	1	3	1	0
Shasta	15	17	0	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	5	0	0
Solano	1	150	4	1
Sonoma	1	8	1	0
Stanislaus	10	10	10	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	17	17	17	0
Tuolumne	4	4	4	0
Ventura	7	33	5	1
Yolo	42	42	7	0
Yuba	3	11	0	1

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2006 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2006's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2006

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	425	4	17	91	99	2	9	1
Alameda	4	0	0	0	26	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	1	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	52	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Humboldt	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	9	5	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	97	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Madera	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	9	0	0	1	7	0	3	0
Modoc	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	10	2	0	11	2	2	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	36	0	0	36	11	0	0	0
Sacramento	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	28	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Diego	39	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Joaquin	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	28	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	12	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	14	0	0	20	7	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	8	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	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
January – March 2006

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,050,673	\$4,593,542
Alameda	76,655	231,050
Alpine	0	0
Amador	0	395
Butte	21,999	18,115
Calaveras	16,977	1,415
Colusa	0	322
Contra Costa	174,483	47,859
Del Norte	6,481	4,712
El Dorado	24,188	38,739
Fresno	120,355	136,904
Glenn	2,344	3,716
Humboldt	645	7,602
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	2,520
Kern	194,146	124,670
Kings	20,457	48,547
Lake	7,050	2,685
Lassen	3,349	1,750
Los Angeles	1,350,150	1,659,640
Madera	12,100	10,251
Marin	11,215	17,068
Mariposa	10,322	1,134
Mendocino	48,397	43,607
Merced	3,613	41,202
Modoc	27,812	686
Mono	0	0
Monterey	43,385	56,449
Napa	10,838	5,416
Nevada	378	1,734
Orange	105,713	110,049
Placer	0	20,854
Plumas	0	2,054
Riverside	187,036	195,116
Sacramento	132,133	236,237
San Benito	11,870	52,812
San Bernardino	127,503	4,381
San Diego	312,964	269,099
San Francisco	101,270	68,979
San Joaquin	46,349	60,202
San Luis Obispo	1,997	2,751
San Mateo	32,263	8,182
Santa Barbara	54,199	118,008
Santa Clara	160,994	384,650
Santa Cruz	3,827	2,483
Shasta	61,816	17,261
Sierra	0	182
Siskiyou	8,200	12,020
Solano	61,611	119,173
Sonoma	34,764	84,730
Stanislaus	171,705	141,643
Sutter	16,901	11,795
Tehama	0	1,672
Trinity	0	705
Tulare	166,439	30,729
Tuolumne	7,727	3,828
Ventura	1,660	55,919
Yolo	32,612	59,863
Yuba	21,782	9,979

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2006

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	811,148	49,704	48,553	53,353	16,076	37,277	105,054
Alameda	29,836	939	939	905	442	463	1,122
Alpine	34	7	7	0	0	0	2
Amador	535	57	57	57	29	28	80
Butte	7,076	433	419	337	149	188	863
Calaveras	783	496	496	496	186	310	0
Colusa	497	16	16	26	4	22	8
Contra Costa ^{a/}	11,981	368	345	443	251	192	293
Del Norte	1,708	0	0	0	0	0	71
El Dorado	1,875	76	76	110	54	56	458
Fresno	40,665	327	327	219	121	98	1,183
Glenn	870	284	284	226	62	164	319
Humboldt	4,955	415	415	406	124	282	107
Imperial	5,903	80	80	84	54	30	706
Inyo	434	4	4	0	0	0	61
Kern	27,942	1,199	1,199	1,135	698	437	609
Kings	5,422	803	803	794	259	535	331
Lake	2,308	140	140	142	71	71	137
Lassen	865	81	81	86	11	75	18
Los Angeles	282,515	11,608	11,009	17,282	3,221	14,061	72,110
Madera	5,449	702	702	782	53	729	189
Marin	2,424	129	129	137	54	83	983
Mariposa	380	7	7	2	1	1	56
Mendocino	3,813	112	110	102	60	42	587
Merced	10,633	584	566	543	209	334	537
Modoc	355	174	174	176	78	98	48
Mono	131	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	7,425	480	476	338	83	255	390
Napa	1,187	73	73	82	28	54	269
Nevada	1,029	22	21	19	18	1	88
Orange	30,628	2,034	2,034	1,886	1,089	797	626
Placer	2,530	24	24	29	14	15	187
Plumas	279	22	22	18	14	4	16
Riverside	28,100	10,401	10,369	9,673	1,912	7,761	2,125
Sacramento	42,781	826	784	1,976	737	1,239	2,073
San Benito	1,219	22	22	23	18	5	29
San Bernardino	47,524	2,663	2,663	2,681	1,238	1,443	600
San Diego	32,736	3,641	3,531	3,360	1,031	2,329	1,166
San Francisco ^{a/}	19,879	899	899	506	496	10	4,850
San Joaquin	19,662	238	238	194	130	64	335
San Luis Obispo	3,349	176	176	146	61	85	206
San Mateo	3,978	541	541	6	6	0	3,382
Santa Barbara	8,183	384	293	304	145	159	168
Santa Clara ^{a/}	23,630	928	888	893	385	508	372
Santa Cruz	5,061	1,088	1,084	1,075	140	935	799
Shasta	5,534	417	417	410	241	169	269
Sierra	77	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,750	634	634	557	255	302	185
Solano	7,802	894	890	804	246	558	1,284
Sonoma	6,117	298	298	338	121	217	632
Stanislaus	14,831	1,157	1,135	883	513	370	2,067
Sutter	2,063	392	392	392	141	251	32
Tehama	2,091	157	157	166	28	138	74
Trinity	412	64	64	47	0	47	69
Tulare	23,266	136	136	223	29	194	458
Tuolumne	1,241	350	254	262	100	162	127
Ventura	10,924	283	283	267	123	144	388
Yolo	3,602	241	192	135	37	98	870
Yuba	2,870	1,178	1,178	1,170	506	664	38

^{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 may not add to Statewide total due to rounding. Prior data used for Contra Costa (7/05), San Francisco (10/05) and Santa Clara (6/05).

^{b/} Data is from DPA 266 March 2006 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 January 2006 Item 4 was 110,054.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2006

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	29,368	4,015	4,188	1,470	1,282	444	7,786
Alameda	501	17	14	9	1	2	395
Alpine	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	11	6	11	4	25
Butte	56	4	116	29	68	5	141
Calaveras	402	3	22	17	11	8	33
Colusa	0	0	5	4	1	0	6
Contra Costa	184	119	17	23	0	0	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	8	12	14	12	1	27
Fresno	118	38	97	42	12	1	19
Glenn	124	10	20	74	26	5	25
Humboldt	33	0	128	28	6	131	89
Imperial	36	0	19	8	17	0	0
Inyo	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
Kern	566	43	303	103	38	18	128
Kings	619	3	89	40	30	5	17
Lake	21	2	35	12	6	1	63
Lassen	65	0	8	3	3	2	0
Los Angeles	5,140	2,134	72	94	0	8	3,561
Madera	634	15	20	8	9	1	15
Marin	13	32	6	6	3	1	68
Mariposa	0	0	5	1	0	0	1
Mendocino	5	19	54	11	11	1	9
Merced	53	60	84	43	30	2	294
Modoc	157	1	6	5	2	1	2
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	105	39	18	4	84	2	224
Napa	1	0	21	8	3	0	40
Nevada	15	0	2	0	3	0	1
Orange	1,868	28	29	34	2	3	70
Placer	0	0	10	3	6	2	3
Plumas	12	0	6	1	2	1	0
Riverside	9,361	39	590	84	35	21	239
Sacramento	455	1	39	19	17	2	251
San Benito	0	1	6	5	0	1	9
San Bernardino	0	4	1,015	216	299	7	1,122
San Diego	3,197	173	50	79	10	3	19
San Francisco	109	749	0	0	0	0	41
San Joaquin	123	0	52	3	0	8	52
San Luis Obispo	33	11	35	16	27	2	52
San Mateo	226	2	52	112	109	0	40
Santa Barbara	146	12	40	25	10	2	58
Santa Clara	790	43	39	8	1	6	1
Santa Cruz	1,018	2	5	11	0	0	48
Shasta	244	0	105	32	4	5	27
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	350	0	48	19	60	140	17
Solano	600	165	53	22	25	0	25
Sonoma	28	66	36	4	4	1	159
Stanislaus	182	108	482	42	189	3	129
Sutter	336	0	26	20	6	1	3
Tehama	50	0	45	23	10	1	28
Trinity	15	0	9	3	9	5	23
Tulare	0	2	87	31	2	0	14
Tuolumne	212	0	13	8	4	0	17
Ventura	90	30	62	11	6	30	54
Yolo	95	14	38	23	8	1	13
Yuba	978	10	32	21	50	0	87

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/}
January – March 2006

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	9,013	645	41	2,580	2,489	2,198	867
Alameda	421	9	0	7	0	5	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	13	30	0
Butte	99	8	0	10	35	4	1
Calaveras	146	0	0	12	19	9	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Contra Costa	50	10	0	129	0	62	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	12	7	38	0
Fresno	41	39	10	2	29	0	2
Glenn	17	1	0	19	15	14	0
Humboldt	42	1	0	21	63	13	0
Imperial	14	3	0	5	10	2	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	370	40	0	58	175	56	0
Kings	175	9	0	6	31	38	0
Lake	24	4	0	21	21	13	0
Lassen	15	0	0	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1,653	90	0	1,223	60	777	0
Madera	3	7	0	19	21	3	0
Marin	8	1	0	11	24	10	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	1	0	0	51	1	7	7
Merced	8	9	0	17	150	25	0
Modoc	73	2	0	0	3	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	108	18	0	5	36	2	1
Napa	7	1	0	7	3	10	0
Nevada	12	1	0	1	4	0	0
Orange	678	30	7	46	318	85	1
Placer	2	0	0	0	12	0	0
Plumas	6	0	0	0	1	7	0
Riverside	1,798	39	0	72	1	2	0
Sacramento	512	11	0	43	168	3	808
San Benito	7	1	0	5	5	1	0
San Bernardino	297	155	0	137	592	76	0
San Diego	697	20	24	233	2	113	4
San Francisco	0	5	0	4	0	0	8
San Joaquin	81	9	0	1	26	17	4
San Luis Obispo	25	0	0	3	56	3	1
San Mateo	99	6	0	38	73	27	0
Santa Barbara	54	14	0	43	46	17	0
Santa Clara	152	10	0	18	7	198	2
Santa Cruz	116	2	0	4	18	0	2
Shasta	116	20	0	24	38	43	3
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	72	0	0	11	58	161	0
Solano	161	1	0	28	25	12	4
Sonoma	11	1	0	47	25	100	13
Stanislaus	111	10	0	150	219	131	0
Sutter	94	2	0	9	12	30	0
Tehama	7	2	0	0	11	8	0
Trinity	5	0	0	0	6	0	0
Tulare	0	24	0	1	2	2	0
Tuolumne	57	4	0	7	5	28	0
Ventura	113	10	0	0	0	0	6
Yolo	24	8	0	3	0	2	0
Yuba	429	8	0	17	39	13	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
January – March 2006

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	724	3,563	480	187
Alameda	9	313	2	1
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	6	16	5	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	6	18	2	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	35	109	45	1
Glenn	1	1	0	1
Humboldt	1	7	3	1
Imperial	3	48	0	0
Inyo	0	4	0	0
Kern	37	90	29	2
Kings	9	20	7	9
Lake	4	13	2	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	90	1,164	131	4
Madera	7	7	7	0
Marin	0	5	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	4	0	0
Merced	9	56	5	1
Modoc	2	2	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	18	62	17	0
Napa	1	11	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	30	68	29	1
Placer	0	52	0	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	49	64	43	2
Sacramento	11	304	11	3
San Benito	1	11	0	1
San Bernardino	19	19	19	0
San Diego	20	84	31	1
San Francisco	5	148	4	1
San Joaquin	9	130	4	0
San Luis Obispo	176	352	0	146
San Mateo	7	7	6	0
Santa Barbara	14	14	10	4
Santa Clara	10	26	9	1
Santa Cruz	2	2	2	0
Shasta	20	23	0	3
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	5	0	0
Solano	1	145	4	1
Sonoma	1	9	1	0
Stanislaus	10	10	10	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	24	24	24	0
Tuolumne	4	5	3	0
Ventura	10	30	7	0
Yolo	60	60	8	0
Yuba	3	13	0	1

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2006 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2006's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2006

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	450	5	37	98	109	2	7	0
Alameda	4	0	0	0	30	0	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	1	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Humboldt	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	36	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kings	5	0	5	0	2	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	9	5	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	96	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Madera	12	1	14	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	10	0	0	1	10	0	1	0
Modoc	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	8	1	0	13	1	1	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	42	0	0	42	12	0	0	0
Sacramento	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	32	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Diego	32	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Francisco	3	1	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Joaquin	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	7	0	6	1	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	28	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	13	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	14	0	0	18	7	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	8	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Yolo	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	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
January – March 2006

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$2,691,771	\$1,565,302
Alameda	31,037	54,130
Alpine	0	0
Amador	0	129
Butte	12,892	28,674
Calaveras	7,812	774
Colusa	0	1,126
Contra Costa	156,398	20,551
Del Norte	2,269	5,974
El Dorado	20,952	19,562
Fresno	62,511	40,923
Glenn	8,919	3,945
Humboldt	4,864	3,849
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	10
Kern	136,089	79,487
Kings	13,442	47,001
Lake	3,762	3,636
Lassen	197	347
Los Angeles	734,049	149,159
Madera	18,019	35,718
Marin	8,669	14,408
Mariposa	2,335	730
Mendocino	37,356	49,899
Merced	12,802	7,439
Modoc	9,444	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	27,768	32,406
Napa	6,988	5,363
Nevada	338	471
Orange	39,567	57,402
Placer	0	5,189
Plumas	0	869
Riverside	161,392	122,527
Sacramento	89,059	32,220
San Benito	3,719	16,861
San Bernardino	146,462	9,061
San Diego	215,519	36,400
San Francisco	130,925	57,678
San Joaquin	21,531	17,361
San Luis Obispo	374	1,614
San Mateo	39,376	15,001
Santa Barbara	33,425	66,856
Santa Clara	70,791	174,920
Santa Cruz	1,955	1,007
Shasta	33,613	16,596
Sierra	0	190
Siskiyou	9,400	13,600
Solano	27,706	44,544
Sonoma	33,380	44,040
Stanislaus	162,559	119,541
Sutter	3,083	17,467
Tehama	0	1,594
Trinity	0	611
Tulare	80,347	33,992
Tuolumne	7,297	3,580
Ventura	29,078	4,907
Yolo	19,557	36,914
Yuba	12,744	7,050



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