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Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 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
October, November and December 2006
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
October, November and December 2006
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report
October, November and December 2006
NOTE: Orange (12/06 data used for 10/06 and 11/06), San Mateo (11/06 used for 12/06) and Santa Barbara (11/06 used for 12/06) as data was not reported for those months.

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 October – December 2006

Investigation Requests

- **32,910** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **10,970** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.36%** of the **464,551** CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during **October – December 2006**).
- **31,965** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **32,910** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **20,979 (65%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **5,174 (16%)** 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.
 - ▶ **3,370 (11%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **2,442 (8%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **87,047** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **55,082 (63%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **31,965 (37%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **28,204** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **32%** of the **87,047** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **10,112 (36%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **18,092 (64%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **28,204** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **5,586 (20%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **1,852 (7%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **1,806 (6%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **1,494 (5%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **600 (2%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **157 (.56%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **32 (.11%)** 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 **28,204** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **2,942** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **2,345 (80%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **597 (20%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **2,942** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **478 prosecutions** were filed. This is **16%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **478** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **473 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- **\$4,685,392 fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$4,039,249 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 2006

Investigation Requests

- **46,996** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **15,665** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **1.92%** of the **815,600** Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during **October – December 2006**).
- **45,674** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **46,996** investigation requests received.
 - ▶ **28,315 (62%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ **9,712 (21%)** 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.
 - ▶ **4,548 (10%)** were family (household) composition requests.
 - ▶ **3,099 (7%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **149,732** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ **104,058 (69%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **45,674 (31%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- **44,269** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **30%** of the **149,732** total investigations available.
 - ▶ **15,421 (35%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ **28,848 (65%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **44,269** completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ **7,788 (18%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ **2,745 (6%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ **2,602 (6%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ **2,457 (6%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ **776 (2%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ **174 (.39%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ **38 (.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 **44,269** are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- **3,797** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ **3,001 (79%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ **796 (21%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **3,797** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ **463 prosecutions** were filed. This is **12%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **463** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ **501 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- **\$3,329,698 fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$1,806,775 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**October - December 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
October - December 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	464,551	32,910	31,965	28,204	10,112	18,092	57,291
Alameda	19,331	489	489	461	247	214	1,323
Alpine	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	254	28	28	31	5	26	59
Butte	3,703	275	269	208	64	144	516
Calaveras	390	204	204	204	78	126	0
Colusa	183	8	8	8	5	3	4
Contra Costa	8,975	241	223	214	152	62	101
Del Norte	864	0	0	0	0	0	65
El Dorado	1,012	55	55	90	33	57	391
Fresno	24,078	212	212	233	81	152	1,345
Glenn	481	189	189	141	37	104	280
Humboldt	1,849	240	240	248	68	180	148
Imperial	3,914	137	137	91	77	14	725
Inyo	141	2	2	1	0	1	69
Kern	16,869	729	706	807	474	333	534
Kings	2,532	601	601	617	211	406	270
Lake	1,122	54	54	50	21	29	93
Lassen	508	45	45	47	11	36	10
Los Angeles	149,306	4,392	4,020	4,833	1,905	2,928	30,613
Madera	2,797	407	407	461	39	422	39
Marin	948	29	29	45	31	14	397
Mariposa	169	5	5	7	4	3	41
Mendocino	1,380	55	55	125	27	98	433
Merced	7,006	371	363	220	115	105	694
Modoc	170	16	16	12	3	9	8
Mono	31	7	7	0	0	0	10
Monterey	4,059	343	340	217	33	184	407
Napa	532	30	30	55	26	29	158
Nevada	508	10	5	5	3	2	73
Orange	15,856	1,946	1,946	1,825	1,079	746	896
Placer	1,573	16	16	22	10	12	180
Plumas	150	10	10	9	6	3	4
Riverside	20,150	6,205	6,181	5,450	479	4,971	2,211
Sacramento	28,424	2,166	2,054	500	255	245	2,467
San Benito	648	27	27	30	19	11	20
San Bernardino	31,386	3,377	3,377	1,804	865	939	903
San Diego	23,323	3,990	3,849	4,046	1,221	2,825	1,069
San Francisco	4,855	760	760	316	314	2	2,919
San Joaquin	14,181	130	130	131	81	50	123
San Luis Obispo	1,681	77	77	71	33	38	191
San Mateo	2,281	241	241	5	5	0	1,982
Santa Barbara	4,026	222	133	129	67	62	119
Santa Clara	14,549	422	363	359	162	197	296
Santa Cruz	2,016	349	332	357	128	229	33
Shasta	3,052	212	212	200	120	80	203
Sierra	30	4	4	0	0	0	4
Siskiyou	796	268	267	343	182	161	31
Solano	5,264	882	876	810	203	607	962
Sonoma	2,880	114	114	92	40	52	279
Stanislaus	9,331	878	841	928	560	368	1,537
Sutter	1,277	143	143	139	63	76	62
Tehama	1,160	106	86	78	2	76	68
Trinity	204	30	30	32	0	32	45
Tulare	11,960	200	200	160	60	100	869
Tuolumne	514	31	27	28	17	11	13
Ventura	6,437	174	174	179	84	95	297
Yolo	1,765	92	92	63	24	39	665
Yuba	1,661	664	664	667	283	384	37

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 December 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 October 2006 Item 4 was 55,082.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October - December 2006

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	20,979	2,442	3,370	1,011	1,090	344	2,729
Alameda	429	13	19	5	6	4	13
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	5	3	2	1	17
Butte	64	3	62	14	9	5	112
Calaveras	152	9	15	2	7	0	19
Colusa	0	0	7	0	0	0	1
Contra Costa	159	15	6	14	29	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	10	5	11	12	11	0	6
Fresno	56	5	93	28	14	0	16
Glenn	103	4	26	24	7	0	25
Humboldt	28	0	36	25	5	124	22
Imperial	34	0	24	19	57	0	3
Inyo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	221	66	245	58	44	13	59
Kings	478	0	52	23	28	2	18
Lake	5	0	20	5	6	0	18
Lassen	31	0	11	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	3,034	149	112	39	0	8	678
Madera	362	5	20	9	2	0	9
Marin	0	16	5	0	1	0	7
Mariposa	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Mendocino	7	9	21	7	0	4	7
Merced	93	103	53	33	6	0	75
Modoc	2	0	2	3	5	0	4
Mono	0	4	1	0	2	0	0
Monterey	111	1	10	3	96	2	117
Napa	2	0	9	1	2	0	16
Nevada	1	0	1	0	2	0	1
Orange	1,823	1	32	23	3	7	57
Placer	0	0	9	5	2	0	0
Plumas	4	0	6	0	0	0	0
Riverside	4,797	157	599	187	78	80	283
Sacramento	902	781	58	25	76	7	205
San Benito	0	3	4	12	2	0	6
San Bernardino	1,615	31	863	131	234	7	496
San Diego	3,654	70	37	30	16	0	42
San Francisco	89	662	0	0	0	0	9
San Joaquin	78	2	29	4	2	0	15
San Luis Obispo	13	1	22	11	9	1	20
San Mateo	120	0	43	46	7	1	24
Santa Barbara	32	6	44	10	9	4	28
Santa Clara	224	80	43	6	3	2	5
Santa Cruz	311	2	6	2	2	0	9
Shasta	104	0	69	19	9	0	11
Sierra	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Siskiyou	104	0	42	5	40	57	19
Solano	665	92	47	17	34	2	19
Sonoma	21	25	31	12	1	0	24
Stanislaus	172	88	311	36	171	0	63
Sutter	101	0	18	15	7	0	2
Tehama	5	1	22	19	2	5	32
Trinity	8	6	6	1	3	4	2
Tulare	0	10	113	39	8	1	29
Tuolumne	9	0	4	2	0	0	12
Ventura	162	1	0	0	0	0	11
Yolo	48	15	16	6	5	0	2
Yuba	534	1	25	18	24	1	61

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/}
October - December 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	5,586	600	32	1,494	1,806	1,852	157
Alameda	199	73	0	15	2	26	9
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0	3	2	0
Butte	57	3	0	2	13	11	0
Calaveras	50	12	0	0	13	3	0
Colusa	0	1	0	0	3	1	0
Contra Costa	16	5	0	28	0	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	1	0	0	5	27	21
Fresno	22	11	2	17	29	0	12
Glenn	6	2	0	1	13	15	0
Humboldt	30	4	0	8	27	10	0
Imperial	5	9	0	1	21	2	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	122	31	0	139	129	48	1
Kings	139	11	0	7	27	27	0
Lake	9	2	0	2	4	4	2
Lassen	5	3	0	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	944	114	0	538	6	738	0
Madera	6	8	0	2	19	4	0
Marin	7	0	0	9	8	7	1
Mariposa	0	0	0	2	1	1	1
Mendocino	7	0	0	20	2	4	26
Merced	14	19	0	23	68	4	1
Modoc	2	0	0	0	1	3	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	52	6	1	1	15	1	1
Napa	6	1	0	5	8	6	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Orange	725	14	0	30	322	128	0
Placer	2	0	0	0	8	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	1	2	2	0
Riverside	294	51	1	125	2	9	0
Sacramento	281	19	25	54	51	2	67
San Benito	9	1	0	5	3	1	0
San Bernardino	525	29	0	81	503	177	0
San Diego	953	12	1	115	0	153	1
San Francisco	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
San Joaquin	39	9	0	0	17	16	0
San Luis Obispo	5	1	0	13	19	5	2
San Mateo	86	5	0	30	42	17	0
Santa Barbara	11	19	0	28	23	11	0
Santa Clara	100	12	0	8	11	31	1
Santa Cruz	115	1	0	5	7	0	1
Shasta	48	14	1	5	22	30	3
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	36	0	0	14	55	77	0
Solano	145	1	0	4	32	13	0
Sonoma	7	3	0	16	14	41	4
Stanislaus	132	30	1	112	222	145	1
Sutter	39	3	0	5	3	15	0
Tehama	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Trinity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	0	33	0	9	12	6	0
Tuolumne	4	4	0	2	1	6	0
Ventura	75	9	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	11	6	0	4	1	2	0
Yuba	242	4	0	8	13	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 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October - December 2006

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	597	2,942	478	121
Alameda	9	425	6	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	0	17	6	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	5	20	1	1
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	11	0	0
Fresno	8	125	116	0
Glenn	2	3	0	2
Humboldt	4	6	2	0
Imperial	0	47	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	32	80	22	15
Kings	11	32	8	6
Lake	2	34	7	2
Lassen	1	6	0	0
Los Angeles	114	462	68	7
Madera	8	8	8	0
Marin	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	6	0	0
Merced	19	68	1	2
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6	61	3	0
Napa	1	12	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	14	57	12	2
Placer	0	43	0	0
Plumas	0	1	0	0
Riverside	36	54	19	1
Sacramento	31	426	12	0
San Benito	1	7	0	0
San Bernardino	29	42	42	0
San Diego	12	12	6	1
San Francisco	1	98	0	0
San Joaquin	9	99	7	0
San Luis Obispo	77	262	1	70
San Mateo	3	3	3	0
Santa Barbara	19	19	11	8
Santa Clara	12	36	19	2
Santa Cruz	1	3	1	0
Shasta	20	26	9	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	16	39	0	0
Solano	1	147	4	1
Sonoma	3	6	0	0
Stanislaus	30	30	30	0
Sutter	3	3	3	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	33	33	33	0
Tuolumne	4	11	0	0
Ventura	9	36	10	0
Yolo	6	6	6	0
Yuba	4	13	1	0

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

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October - December 2006

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	473	7	19	132	71	0	16	0
Alameda	12	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	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	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Humboldt	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	33	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kings	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	165	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Madera	6	0	2	0	1	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	0	17	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	12	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	12	5	0	15	2	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	40	0	0	45	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
San Benito	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	18	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Joaquin	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	8	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	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	22	0	0	41	4	0	1	0
Sutter	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	18	0	0	16	3	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ventura	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Yolo	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	0	1	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
October - December 2006

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$4,685,392	\$4,039,249
Alameda	76,725	223,565
Alpine	0	0
Amador	596	555
Butte	15,162	3,703
Calaveras	11,897	2,872
Colusa	0	278
Contra Costa	64,789	41,040
Del Norte	14,262	5,546
El Dorado	15,478	19,395
Fresno	146,046	129,927
Glenn	2,698	7,224
Humboldt	4,224	3,766
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	9,271
Kern	229,995	89,709
Kings	30,259	34,046
Lake	9,357	2,218
Lassen	0	1,626
Los Angeles	1,879,289	1,604,534
Madera	36,356	9,250
Marin	16,913	18,580
Mariposa	6,619	1,310
Mendocino	25,594	16,104
Merced	56,202	24,130
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	163,691	41,790
Napa	9,427	5,307
Nevada	0	1,134
Orange	124,686	88,017
Placer	0	21,415
Plumas	1,110	1,080
Riverside	176,541	255,970
Sacramento	194,458	311,763
San Benito	35,160	32,536
San Bernardino	185,073	123,089
San Diego	240,175	124,924
San Francisco	79,401	56,957
San Joaquin	24,205	35,068
San Luis Obispo	19,489	2,823
San Mateo	63,757	9,542
Santa Barbara	36,662	136,086
Santa Clara	208,572	204,100
Santa Cruz	13,725	2,270
Shasta	33,579	18,499
Sierra	0	389
Siskiyou	7,150	4,448
Solano	15,606	72,363
Sonoma	16,007	37,835
Stanislaus	114,424	99,544
Sutter	14,076	8,094
Tehama	0	1,202
Trinity	0	356
Tulare	228,433	16,355
Tuolumne	4,937	4,165
Ventura	2,038	37,955
Yolo	19,548	27,515
Yuba	11,001	8,008

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October - December 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	815,600	46,996	45,674	44,269	15,421	28,848	104,886
Alameda	33,056	869	869	896	411	485	1,341
Alpine	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	529	44	44	56	13	43	56
Butte	7,665	423	413	303	95	208	605
Calaveras	801	517	517	517	177	340	0
Colusa	445	14	14	11	6	5	10
Contra Costa	9,095	396	374	284	209	75	361
Del Norte	1,753	0	0	0	0	0	116
El Dorado	1,962	124	124	147	61	86	395
Fresno	42,453	227	227	258	90	168	1,169
Glenn	831	307	307	215	67	148	506
Humboldt	4,914	297	297	308	96	212	165
Imperial	6,463	139	139	91	77	14	792
Inyo	434	0	0	2	0	2	79
Kern	28,001	1,084	1,050	1,203	788	415	655
Kings	5,319	770	770	787	248	539	340
Lake	2,258	103	103	121	54	67	114
Lassen	866	138	138	148	36	112	20
Los Angeles	274,282	7,688	7,086	8,563	3,016	5,547	65,445
Madera	5,339	648	648	630	62	568	221
Marin	2,513	87	87	115	55	60	963
Mariposa	363	10	10	7	3	4	66
Mendocino	3,503	106	106	232	95	137	1,367
Merced	10,615	675	657	390	212	178	1,036
Modoc	289	35	35	36	11	25	24
Mono	114	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monterey	6,781	532	529	376	50	326	511
Napa	1,135	65	65	126	59	67	230
Nevada	1,111	25	19	13	11	2	90
Orange	30,596	2,592	2,591	2,502	1,375	1,127	1,099
Placer	2,775	21	21	24	12	12	211
Plumas	260	32	32	30	19	11	15
Riverside	29,513	10,330	10,297	9,357	757	8,600	3,497
Sacramento	45,131	1,737	1,629	525	303	222	3,409
San Benito	1,260	34	34	38	23	15	34
San Bernardino	48,317	3,070	3,070	3,122	1,404	1,718	495
San Diego	33,342	3,668	3,545	3,740	1,265	2,475	941
San Francisco	19,557	835	835	664	654	10	5,696
San Joaquin	20,183	144	144	140	94	46	142
San Luis Obispo	3,524	136	136	124	62	62	237
San Mateo	3,768	486	486	7	7	0	4,724
Santa Barbara	7,704	422	253	250	110	140	118
Santa Clara	25,903	803	730	714	269	445	468
Santa Cruz	5,087	1,110	1,093	1,126	282	844	27
Shasta	5,802	365	365	357	213	144	271
Sierra	73	4	4	0	0	0	4
Siskiyou	1,596	662	660	845	414	431	20
Solano	8,602	1,038	1,031	936	266	670	1,358
Sonoma	6,474	361	361	330	131	199	721
Stanislaus	15,502	1,414	1,364	1,427	919	508	2,369
Sutter	2,307	246	246	231	114	117	95
Tehama	2,096	127	87	78	2	76	64
Trinity	432	73	73	73	0	73	88
Tulare	22,448	228	228	169	60	109	627
Tuolumne	1,258	79	75	61	37	24	40
Ventura	12,263	255	255	205	97	108	393
Yolo	3,727	175	175	140	40	100	984
Yuba	3,170	1,226	1,226	1,219	490	729	60

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. Orange (12/06 used for 10/06 and 11/06); San Mateo (11/06 used for 12/06), and Santa Barbara (11/06 used for 12/06).

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 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 October 2006 Item 4 was 104,058.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October - December 2006

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	28,315	3,099	4,548	1,469	1,642	487	6,114
Alameda	492	16	18	6	9	4	324
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	7	3	2	1	31
Butte	87	3	75	17	13	6	212
Calaveras	437	21	16	6	6	6	25
Colusa	0	0	7	1	1	0	5
Contra Costa	175	35	4	17	141	0	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	33	8	15	20	22	0	26
Fresno	65	5	99	35	18	0	5
Glenn	163	11	27	54	11	3	38
Humboldt	28	0	43	29	7	128	62
Imperial	34	0	24	20	57	0	4
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	393	101	297	80	70	16	93
Kings	612	0	65	36	33	2	22
Lake	10	0	39	7	11	0	36
Lassen	119	0	16	0	2	1	0
Los Angeles	4,755	347	141	170	0	11	1,662
Madera	584	19	18	12	3	1	11
Marin	1	27	4	1	4	0	50
Mariposa	1	0	5	1	1	0	2
Mendocino	5	24	38	9	2	6	22
Merced	145	204	66	56	17	1	168
Modoc	4	1	7	7	8	3	5
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	141	9	14	2	104	3	256
Napa	4	0	13	3	4	1	40
Nevada	13	0	1	1	3	0	1
Orange	2,462	1	33	26	5	8	56
Placer	0	0	9	5	2	0	5
Plumas	23	0	8	0	1	0	0
Riverside	8,162	249	996	245	82	103	460
Sacramento	705	516	58	25	76	7	242
San Benito	0	4	4	13	2	1	10
San Bernardino	1	53	1,167	164	347	7	1,331
San Diego	3,300	160	35	32	15	0	3
San Francisco	133	663	0	0	0	0	39
San Joaquin	91	2	26	4	1	0	20
San Luis Obispo	31	3	27	17	17	1	40
San Mateo	217	3	56	67	25	1	117
Santa Barbara	128	9	48	13	10	4	41
Santa Clara	574	89	47	9	3	2	6
Santa Cruz	1,038	3	8	1	5	0	38
Shasta	222	0	85	28	10	0	20
Sierra	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Siskiyou	295	0	128	12	67	140	18
Solano	738	151	44	21	52	2	23
Sonoma	26	138	32	13	1	1	150
Stanislaus	255	164	453	49	265	3	175
Sutter	188	0	21	26	9	0	2
Tehama	5	1	22	19	2	5	33
Trinity	15	17	11	5	9	7	9
Tulare	0	14	115	43	22	1	33
Tuolumne	20	0	8	1	6	0	40
Ventura	236	0	0	1	0	0	18
Yolo	112	20	20	12	8	0	3
Yuba	1,037	8	27	23	51	0	80

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/}
October - December 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	7,788	776	38	2,602	2,745	2,457	174
Alameda	384	123	0	14	2	6	15
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	11	0	0	11	2	0
Butte	115	5	0	1	19	8	1
Calaveras	134	18	0	2	20	3	0
Colusa	0	1	0	0	3	2	0
Contra Costa	38	5	0	71	0	8	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	5	1	0	0	12	45	26
Fresno	22	12	3	20	33	0	4
Glenn	18	2	0	2	18	27	0
Humboldt	39	5	0	25	43	11	0
Imperial	5	9	0	1	21	2	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	281	35	0	244	165	62	1
Kings	159	12	0	13	29	35	0
Lake	24	2	0	3	15	10	3
Lassen	25	3	0	0	6	2	0
Los Angeles	1,487	162	0	867	32	1,057	0
Madera	10	9	0	10	30	3	0
Marin	10	0	0	19	13	13	2
Mariposa	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
Mendocino	11	0	0	68	4	17	34
Merced	18	29	0	55	126	4	1
Modoc	3	0	0	0	11	9	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	58	6	0	1	26	1	1
Napa	17	1	0	15	15	11	0
Nevada	8	0	0	0	3	0	0
Orange	912	24	0	43	425	92	0
Placer	2	0	0	0	10	0	0
Plumas	11	0	0	1	5	2	0
Riverside	493	53	1	194	4	12	0
Sacramento	257	19	25	86	82	1	63
San Benito	11	1	0	5	5	1	0
San Bernardino	493	41	0	138	780	42	0
San Diego	919	14	3	201	0	144	1
San Francisco	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
San Joaquin	50	11	0	0	17	16	0
San Luis Obispo	14	2	0	24	32	7	2
San Mateo	127	7	0	40	50	22	0
Santa Barbara	33	19	0	32	33	21	0
Santa Clara	141	13	0	6	11	98	1
Santa Cruz	248	1	0	11	22	0	1
Shasta	112	23	1	2	22	53	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	92	0	0	29	99	194	0
Solano	178	2	0	4	60	12	0
Sonoma	7	3	0	54	15	102	4
Stanislaus	204	29	5	260	356	229	1
Sutter	73	3	0	10	4	27	0
Tehama	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	0	29	0	10	13	8	0
Tuolumne	11	6	0	3	5	12	0
Ventura	88	9	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	21	10	0	6	1	2	0
Yuba	418	5	0	10	37	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 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October - December 2006

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	796	3,797	463	189
Alameda	9	327	6	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	0	18	7	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	1	0
Contra Costa	5	17	1	1
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	11	0	0
Fresno	12	89	71	0
Glenn	2	3	0	2
Humboldt	5	7	2	0
Imperial	0	48	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	36	93	24	19
Kings	12	38	9	7
Lake	2	36	7	2
Lassen	1	8	0	0
Los Angeles	162	1,286	64	7
Madera	9	9	9	0
Marin	0	4	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	6	0	0
Merced	29	95	2	3
Modoc	0	1	1	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6	65	3	0
Napa	1	14	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	21	65	18	1
Placer	0	52	0	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	42	65	23	1
Sacramento	35	189	12	0
San Benito	1	11	0	0
San Bernardino	41	61	58	0
San Diego	14	63	5	1
San Francisco	1	144	0	0
San Joaquin	11	137	8	0
San Luis Obispo	136	361	2	122
San Mateo	4	6	4	0
Santa Barbara	19	19	11	8
Santa Clara	13	42	19	2
Santa Cruz	1	1	1	0
Shasta	32	38	9	12
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	38	73	0	0
Solano	2	144	6	1
Sonoma	3	6	0	0
Stanislaus	29	29	29	0
Sutter	3	3	3	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	29	29	0
Tuolumne	6	22	0	0
Ventura	9	28	9	0
Yolo	10	10	9	0
Yuba	4	15	1	0

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

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October - December 2006

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	501	7	28	143	80	0	8	0
Alameda	16	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Humboldt	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	35	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kings	3	0	4	0	0	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	178	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Madera	8	0	5	0	2	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	11	0	0	0	27	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	14	4	0	19	2	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	47	0	0	52	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Benito	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	21	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Diego	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Joaquin	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	6	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	9	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	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	23	0	0	41	2	0	1	0
Sutter	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	16	0	0	15	2	0	0	0
Tuolumne	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ventura	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Yolo	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	1	1	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
October - December 2006

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,329,698	\$1,806,775
Alameda	49,263	39,389
Alpine	0	0
Amador	2,004	348
Butte	6,651	3,024
Calaveras	11,360	1,106
Colusa	0	1,340
Contra Costa	72,621	8,033
Del Norte	15,302	8,498
El Dorado	12,057	8,135
Fresno	158,097	101,971
Glenn	5,992	11,908
Humboldt	2,436	3,637
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	307,502	145,483
Kings	31,819	33,004
Lake	6,183	2,938
Lassen	0	528
Los Angeles	931,731	184,856
Madera	38,264	12,149
Marin	12,501	9,854
Mariposa	0	197
Mendocino	57,484	12,802
Merced	51,183	34,777
Modoc	0	585
Mono	0	0
Monterey	8,441	32,778
Napa	12,732	1,698
Nevada	0	1,072
Orange	74,734	54,069
Placer	0	13,527
Plumas	0	1,664
Riverside	257,629	209,557
Sacramento	116,536	137,459
San Benito	19,500	12,022
San Bernardino	139,539	99,974
San Diego	168,817	112,883
San Francisco	101,502	56,418
San Joaquin	19,446	17,034
San Luis Obispo	27,572	1,255
San Mateo	36,497	4,306
Santa Barbara	38,306	110,365
Santa Clara	102,371	107,466
Santa Cruz	19,848	654
Shasta	18,720	14,049
Sierra	0	99
Siskiyou	8,950	3,628
Solano	12,134	32,540
Sonoma	27,578	23,126
Stanislaus	194,722	53,660
Sutter	7,946	6,842
Tehama	0	14,824
Trinity	0	292
Tulare	83,107	15,188
Tuolumne	5,681	5,244
Ventura	31,599	2,802
Yolo	9,061	31,437
Yuba	14,280	4,280



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