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SUBJECT: Follow-Up Investigation of Sixth Judicial Circuit Truancy Teen Court Employee Misuse of Time

DATE: June 15, 2026

This memo serves to inform you that the Division of Inspector General completed a Follow-Up Investigation of Sixth Judicial Circuit Truancy Teen Court Employee Misuse of Time. The purpose of our follow-up review was to determine the status of previous recommendations for improvement.

The purpose of the original investigation was to determine if:

1. The Respondent misused work time.
2. The Respondent falsified employment records.

To determine the current status of our previous recommendations, we surveyed and/or interviewed management to determine the actual actions taken to implement recommendations for improvement. We performed testing to verify that management's action plans have effectively addressed the investigation findings. The extent and timing of testing were based on the significance of the findings and management's planned implementation completion date.

Our follow-up investigation was conducted in accordance with the *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General* of the Association of Inspectors General and *The Florida Inspectors General Standards Manual* from The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation. Accordingly, it included such tests of records and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Our follow-up testing was performed during the month of May 2026. The original investigative period was from January 2021 through December 2022. However, transactions and processes reviewed were not limited by the investigative period.

Of the two recommendations in the original investigation report, we determined that both have been implemented. The status of each recommendation is presented in this follow-up report.

Original Report Reference

To view the original report (Report No.: 2025-003), published in the report section of our website, please use the following link:

[RPT2025-03 Investigation of Sixth Judicial Circuit Truancy Teen Court Employee Misuse of Time](#)

Recommendation Implementation Status

The table below reports on the status of management's action plans to implement the recommendations contained in the original investigation report.

FINDING	PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
1	<i>The Respondent Was Paid For Travel On Nonworking Days.</i>	
A	Ensure managers are trained and comply with the updated policy to review employees' time records and mileage reimbursements for appropriateness and accuracy.	Implemented Staff have successfully implemented the new cross-reference process for approved timesheets and travel reimbursement requests. The IG reviewed the policies & procedures document and the new process with staff.
2	<i>There Was Insufficient Oversight of Truancy Teen Court Staff.</i>	
A	Ensure staff are trained on and follow the new policies.	Implemented Staff have finalized and implemented the new policies and procedures. Staff training has been completed. The IG reviewed the policies and procedures document, including the attestation signed by staff members twice per year.

We appreciate the cooperation shown by the staff of the Sixth Judicial Circuit during the course of this review.

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