Department of Corrections

Agency 310

Audit	Finding		
Report	Number	Finding and Resolution	
1032819	001	Finding:	The Department's internal controls were inadequate to ensure proper time reporting by an employee, resulting in payroll overpayment between January 16, 2021 and November 15, 2022.
		Fraud Amount:	\$8,801
		Amount to be Recovered:	\$8,801
		Recovery to Date:	\$600.00 as of August 10, 2023 Estimated recovery on final paycheck: \$1,095.97.
		Resolution/ Status:	In April 2023, the Washington State Penitentiary Health Services implemented a central call-in procedure and leave tracking mechanism. This procedure was modelled after an existing procedure already in place for custody staff, which helps improve accountability over leave tracking and request submission.
			As a result of the investigation, the Department recognized a gap in the procedures for employee reassignment related to leave accountability. The Department intends to form a work group to review the process with the goal of improving communication and accuracy of leave reporting.
			Additionally, the Department will take this opportunity to communicate reminders to employees and supervisors regarding roles and responsibilities with leave reporting.
		Personnel Action Taken:	Employee was terminated August 4, 2023.
		Criminal Action Taken:	Referred to law enforcement.
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