

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

TWENTIETH REPORT
OF THE
BUREAU OF WELFARE AUDITING
OF ITS ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 1973 TO JULY 31, 1973.

(Submitted under authority
of Section 30T (6) of Chapter 7
of the General Laws)

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133, August 29, 1973.

JULY REPORT OF
THE BUREAU OF WELFARE AUDITING.

To: His Excellency Francis W. Sargent, Governor
Clerk of the Senate
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to G.L., c. 7, s. 30T (6), the Bureau of Welfare Auditing, by its Director, submits this report of its activities for the period from July 1, 1973 through July 31, 1973.

During this month three hundred thirty-four (334) complaints were received by this Bureau, alleging a wrongful receipt or claim for payment under assistance programs administered by the Department of Public Welfare.

The chart below indicates the category and source of the referral of these complaints.

July 1, 1973 - July 31, 1973

*CASE										
CATEGORY		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
**SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS	DPW	3	3	24	162	6	9	6	16	229
	CIT	2	—	39	47	2	3	2	5	100
	INV	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
TOTALS		5	3	63	214	8	12	8	21	334

*CASE CATEGORIES

1. Vendor Investigations
2. State Employee Investigations
3. Undeclared Contributor of Income in the Home
4. Unreported Income
5. Receipt of Multiple Payments/Benefits
6. Check Investigations
7. Residency Requirements Are Not Met
8. Ineligible/Non-Existent Recipient

**SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS

DPW: Complaints received from Department of Public Welfare
 CIT: Complaints received from the General Public and Otherwise
 INV: Complaints received from Bureau of Welfare Auditing Personnel

Sixteen (16) cases indicating possible fraudulent receipt or claim for payment from the Department of Public Welfare were reported in July by this Bureau to the Attorney General for fraud evaluation and for such action as he may deem appropriate. Those cases are described below:

<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Case Category</u>	<u>Region</u>
5	Unreported Income	Boston
1	Vendor Investigation	Boston
1	Unreported Income	Brockton
1	Vendor Investigation	Brockton
2	Unreported Income	Greater Boston
1	Vendor Investigation	Greater Boston
1	Unreported Income	Springfield
1	Ineligible/Non-Existent Recipient	Springfield
1	Vendor Investigation	Springfield
1	Unreported Income	Worcester
1	Vendor Investigation	Worcester

Forty (40) criminal complaints were filed this month by the Bureau in the Commonwealth's district courts relative to welfare recipient violations.

Sixty-seven (67) criminal matters investigated by this Bureau were prosecuted in court in July. Twenty-seven defendants were found "Guilty" with most of them given a suspended jail sentence and/or probation and a court order to make full repayment of the welfare money fraudulently obtained. One defendant "admitted to sufficient facts" and the cases of nineteen other defendants were "continued without a finding", with court orders of full restitution in all cases. The cases against five defendants were "dismissed", two of which made full repayment of welfare monies that they were unentitled to receive. The remaining fifteen cases were heard by a clerk of court

who ordered full restitution in each case. The total amount of money repaid or ordered to be repaid to the Commonwealth in these cases was Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four and 14/100 (\$96,764.14) Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

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