

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,  
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### JANUARY REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF WELFARE AUDITING

To: *His Excellency Michael S. Dukakis, 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 January 1, 1978 through January 31, 1978.

During this month three hundred and four (304) 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.

January 1, 1978 — January 31, 1978

*CASE		1D	1P	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	Totals
CATEGORY													
**SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS	DPW	—	—	5	22	136	6	4	8	20	16	1	218
	CIT	3	3	1	15	44	—	3	4	4	—	2	79
	INV	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	7
TOTAL		3	3	6	37	180	6	7	19	24	16	3	304

**\*CASE CATEGORIES**

- 1D. Investigation of Doctors and Dentists
- 1P. Investigation of Pharmacies, Apothecaries or Drugstores
- 2. State Employee Investigations
- 3. Investigations of Undeclared Contributor of Income in the Home
- 4. Unreported Income Investigations
- 5. Investigations of Receipt of Multiple Payments/Benefits
- 6. Check Investigations
- 7. Investigations of Residency Requirements Which Are Not Met
- 8. Investigations of Ineligible/Non-Existent Recipients
- 10. Food Stamp Investigations
- 11. Non-Medical Vendor Investigations

**\*\*SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS**

DPW: Complaints received from Department of Public Welfare

CIT: Complaints received from General Public and Otherwise

INV: Complaints received from Bureau of Welfare Auditing  
Personnel

Two (2) cases indicating possible fraudulent receipt of or claim for payment from the Department of Public Welfare were reported in January by this Bureau to the Attorney General for fraud evaluation and for such action as he may deem appropriate. Those cases are described below:

Number of Cases	Case Category	Region
1	State Employee Investigation	Boston
1	Unreported Income Investigation	Greater Boston

Three (3) additional criminal complaints were filed this month by the Bureau in the Commonwealth's district courts relative to welfare recipient violations.

Six (6) criminal cases of alleged welfare fraud investigated by this Bureau were prosecuted in January. One defendant was found "guilty"

and two others had their cases “continued without a finding”, with restitution ordered in each case. One case presented to a clerk of court resulted in a restitution order, and the two remaining cases resulted in “not guilty” findings. The total amount of money repaid or ordered to be paid to the Commonwealth in these cases is Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six (\$18,646) Dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Director, Bureau of Welfare Auditing.*

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