Employee Fraud Hotline Report

For the Period January through June 2025

Update #48

I am pleased to present the Semiannual Report of the Employee Fraud Hotline for the period January through June 2025. This report reflects information provided to the Board of Supervisors on August 12, 2025.

Jeffery S. Burgh Auditor-Controller

HOTLINE ACTIVITY...BY THE NUMBERS

Number of new issues:

56

*Redirected to other hotlines or other appropriate agencies (8) or insufficient information (1)



Status of issues open during the period:

New issues (56)

27 29

Prior open issues (12) 75

■Closed □ Open

Summary Outcomes of 34 Hotline Issues Closed during January-June 2025

| Substantiated (see description below) | 2 |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Unsubstantiated | 23 |
| Redirected to Other Hotlines/Agencies | 8 |
| Insufficient Information | 1 |

TO REPORT FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE OF COUNTY RESOURCES

COUNTY OF VENTURA



CALL:

(805) 644-6019

EMAIL*:

Fraud.Hotline@venturacounty.gov

* Email is not confidential

WRITE:

Employee Fraud Hotline Ventura County Auditor-Controller 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009-1540

SUBSTANTIATED ISSUES

- 1. <u>Issue 25-0007, Jury Duty Hours:</u> An employee of an agency with shared County oversight intentionally attempted to claim a full day of pay for jury service when only a partial day was attended. Based on the results of the investigation and the previous disciplinary history of the employee, termination was proposed; in response, the employee resigned.
- 2. <u>Issue 25-0045, Misclassified Position:</u> Although not intentional, a County position was misclassified. A study was conducted, which resulted in the establishment of a new classification that was presented to and approved by the Board of Supervisors, and additional controls have been implemented to prevent recurrence of similar issues.