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Re: NYS IG 0502-165-2014

Dear Inspector General Cox:

On March 28, 2014, you referred to my office a discrepancy with regard to the Social Security number of Office of the Medicaid Inspector General employee [REDACTED] that had been previously discovered by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). Specifically, OSC had determined that [REDACTED] Social Security number was associated with [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED]. This letter advises you of the findings of our investigation of this matter.

Our investigation revealed that Social Security number ###-##-[REDACTED] is associated with four names: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. My investigators determined that [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] produced a copy of her birth certificate that identified her as such. She testified that at the time of her marriage to [REDACTED] she changed the name on her driver license to [REDACTED]; she did not, however, change her name with the Social Security Administration. Following a subsequent separation, she began using the name [REDACTED].

A New York State Department of Motor Vehicles search revealed that in 2012, [REDACTED] changed the name on her driver license from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] produced a valid New York State driver license issued on May 14, 2012, identifying her as [REDACTED]. In addition, her valid U.S. passport, issued on September 8, 2008, identifies her as [REDACTED]. Her previous passport, issued on May 26, 1998, also identified her as [REDACTED].

██████ testified that she never changed her name with the Social Security Administration. When asked to produce a copy of her Social Security card, ██████ stated that she was unable to locate it. ██████ related that she did not intend to change her name with the Social Security Administration and obtain a new card because she is currently involved in a relationship and does not want to change her name twice.

Based upon the foregoing, Social Security number ###-##-██████ is associated with ██████ who was formerly known as ██████. If you require further information regarding our investigation please contact Deputy Inspector General Audrey Maiello Cunningham at 518-474-1010.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Leahy Scott  
Inspector General