



September 23, 2021

Marie Cannon
Commissioner
Erie County Department of Social Services
Edward A. Rath County Office Building
95 Franklin Street, 8th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: OWIG 2967-318-2018

Dear Commissioner Cannon:

The Office of the New York State Welfare Inspector General has learned that [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]) is currently receiving Family Assistance benefits in Erie County. During the course of an investigation in Niagara County, our office also learned that [REDACTED] married [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]) in April 2010 in Bronx, New York.

We refer this matter to your office to determine if [REDACTED] is living with [REDACTED] in Erie County and collecting benefits without reporting [REDACTED] income to the Erie County Department of Social Services.

If you require further information, please contact Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey Hagen at 716.847.7118.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Acting Inspector General

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