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Sent: Friday, July 29, 2022 9:56 AM
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Cc: Chad Hilligoss
Subject: RE: Worker's Comp Investigation

Tim,

I tried reaching out to you by phone today but couldn't reach you. In case you are away from the desk today, I wanted to reach out to you by email too.

We have been receiving inquiries about a worker's comp issue involving Jenny Thornley. We were appointed to review, and are now prosecuting, allegations of theft and official misconduct involving Ms. Thornley.

That appointment does not involve any worker's comp issue. We were forwarded a letter from CMS that you sent to SA Wright (who is out on these matters) but we have not seen any appointment or any investigation by law enforcement that would initiate an appointment under 3-9008.

The email you sent to SA Wright indicates that the AG does not have original jurisdiction to handle worker's comp claims. Is that because there has been no law enforcement investigation?

ILSAAP has never done – to my knowledge – any worker's comp fraud case. Our experience has been that those issues are directed to the AG's worker's comp fraud division: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/Insurance/WC-Fraud/Pages/Workers-Compensation-Fraud-Unit.aspx#:~:text=Report%20potential%20workers'%20compensation%20fraud%20involving%20a%20State%20of%20Illinois,unit%20to%20open%20an%20investigation>.

I am reluctant to respond to anyone asking about it because I don't want to step on the AG's toes here. I don't know that we have any FOIA requests yet (which we would address appropriately) but we are getting concerned citizen and media requests about it.

I see from the CMS memorandum that CMS spoke to the special prosecutor on the fraud/official misconduct case and it appears he made clear that a referral and appointment would be required under 3-9008 for our Agency to deal with these new claims. (I assume the court would appoint the AG on that if an investigation were undertaken because of the division there, but we have seen nothing official on it.)

If we can help at all, please let us know. I think there is a lot of confusion out there on this.

All the best,

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