



Employee Fraud Hotline Report

For the Period July through December 2024

Update #47

I am pleased to present the Semiannual Report of the Employee Fraud Hotline for the period July through December 2024. This report reflects information provided to the Board of Supervisors on February 11, 2025.

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Auditor-Controller

HOTLINE ACTIVITY...BY THE NUMBERS

Number of new issues:

42

Pursued 29 (69%)

Not pursued* 13 (31%)

*Redirected to other hotlines or other appropriate agencies (8) or insufficient information (5)



Received by:

Phone 20
Letter 15
Email 6
In Person 1

Status of issues open during the period:

New issues (42) 30 12

Prior open issues (4) 4

■ Closed □ Open

Summary Outcomes of 34 Hotline Issues

Closed during July-December 2024

Substantiated (see description below) 1
Unsubstantiated 20
Redirected to Other Hotlines/Agencies 8
Insufficient Information 5

TO REPORT FRAUD, WASTE, OR ABUSE OF COUNTY RESOURCES

COUNTY OF VENTURA

EMPLOYEE FRAUD HOTLINE

CALL:

(805) 644-6019

EMAIL*:

Fraud.Hotline@ventura.org

* Email is not confidential

WRITE:

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

SUBSTANTIATED ISSUES

- Issue 25-0021, Time Abuse:** Without supervisor approval, a County employee sometimes arrived late to work and left work early due to a second job. The employee was counseled to complete a request for outside employment and instructed not to overlap time between the County job and the second job. Additionally, to monitor compliance, the department suspended the employee's ability to work remotely for 3 months, at which time compliance will be reassessed.