Warren County Audit Leads to Investigation

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The Auditor of State (recently) released the results of an audit of Warren County's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2010. The results of the audit include findings of recovery for public monies collected by and unaccounted for in the total amount of \$75,661.

As a result of the findings of the audit, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Ohio Attorney General's Office have initiated a joint criminal investigation into the Warren County Job and Family Services issues raised by the audit. However, the criminal investigation has just commenced. The fact that a particular person was identified in the audit does not necessarily mean he or she has engaged in any criminal conduct. Once the investigation is complete, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office will determine what criminal charges, if any, are appropriate and against which person or persons those charges should be brought.

"In September, the Prosecutor's Office was notified of the state auditor's findings concerning unaccounted funds at Warren County Job and Family Services during the 2010 calendar year," Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell explained. "Our office, along with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, launched an immediate investigation to determine whether any criminal conduct may have occurred and if so, by whom. The Prosecutor's Office is further committed to utilizing all legal means to recover the unaccounted for funds from the responsible person or persons."



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