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<http://www.maine.gov/audit/fraud/fraud.htm>

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Period - 6/01/08 to 12/31/08

Total number of complaints received: 5

Complaint sequence: Complaints 1 to 5

Number of referrals of fraud or other criminal conduct to the Attorney General: 0

**Number of referrals of agency performance issues to the Office of Program
Evaluation and Government Accountability: 0**

**Number of investigations by the State Auditor: Opened: 5
 Completed/Closed: 5
 Pending: 0**

Complaint #1

Nature of Complaint: Out of state complainant alleged housing fraud without stating sufficient facts to investigate.

Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint: Not applicable: insufficient facts.

Determination of potential cost savings: Not applicable.

Recommended action: None. Complainant did not provide sufficient information to warrant investigation. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated: None: insufficient facts.

Complaint #2

Nature of Complaint: Out of state complainant alleged ex husband resides in Maine and was not paying child support.

Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint: Private individual is the subject of the complaint. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Support Enforcement collects child support for Maine residents.

Determination of potential cost savings: None: matter is private.

Recommended action: Referred to Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Enforcement. Closed by Maine Department of Audit.

Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated: None: private matter.

Complaint #3

Nature of Complaint: Complaint alleged stepsister was mishandling the estate of her mother.

Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint: Not applicable: private matter

Determination of potential cost savings: None: private matter.

Recommended action: None: matter is private. Complainant referred to private attorney. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated: None: private matter.

Complaint #4

Nature of Complaint: Complaint alleged that resident had not received appropriate child support payments and requested an accounting.

Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint: Private individual was the subject of the complaint. Department of Health and Human Services – Child Support Enforcement is responsible for collecting child support payments but did not appear to be the subject of complaint.

Determination of potential cost savings: None: private matter.

Recommended action: Referred to DHHS – Child Support Enforcement. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated: None: private matter.

Complaint #5

Nature of Complaint: Complaint alleged that citizen was solicited to cash a check for a Nigerian friend and forward him the cash.

Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint: Not applicable: private matter.

Determination of potential cost savings: Not applicable.

Recommended action: None. Information on avoiding phishing scams was provided to complainant. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated: None.