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### REPORT NO. 2014-35

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DIST: Ken Burke, CPA, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller  
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SUBJECT: Investigative Review of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's  
North County Branch

DATE: November 6, 2014

The Division of Inspector General's Public Integrity Unit (PIU) received an allegation of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse from Daniel Chamberlain regarding his payment of court fines for Case No. 13006885XFEXX.

The complainant, Daniel Chamberlain, alleges that the respondent, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's North County Branch, failed to record his court fine payment of \$575 on December 9, 2013.

The complainant did not provide documentation to assist with the investigation.

To determine whether the allegation was substantiated, we reviewed policies, procedures, and any other records deemed appropriate. We also conducted interviews of staff and other parties, as needed. Our investigation was performed according to the *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspector General* and *The Florida Inspectors General Standards Manual* from The Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

The Division of Inspector General investigation of the allegation has determined that the allegation noted above was *unfounded*.

The complainant had no receipt for his alleged court fine payment on December 9, 2013. There were no records or documents received from the complainant's Attorney, Probation Officer, or the North County Branch staff to support the complainant's allegations.

We want to thank the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller's North County Branch management and staff for their assistance and cooperation during this investigation.



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