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DIST: Ken Burke, CPA, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Jeffrey Gates, Executive Director, Court and Operational Services Division

SUBJECT: Investigation of Release of Information by PCJC Staff

DATE: January 30, 2017

The Division of Inspector General's Public Integrity Unit (PIU) received an allegation of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse. We investigated the following allegation related to a potential disclosure of non-public information.

The complainant alleges that an employee at the Pinellas County Justice Center (PCJC):

Contacted John P. Filerino to alert him that a *Petition for Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence* was being filed against him by Morgan A. Hall-Gearhart and Ms. Hall-Gearhart would be returning to the PCJC on July 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. to obtain the completed paperwork.

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.



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The Division of Inspector General's investigation of the allegation has determined that the allegation noted above is *unsubstantiated*, as there was insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation.

We want to thank PCJC management for their assistance and cooperation during this investigation.