



Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General

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*Sheryl G. Steckler,
Inspector General*

INSPECTOR GENERAL NOTIFICATION

Date: December 13, 2010

To: Commissioner Jess Santamaria
District 6

From: Sheryl G. Steckler SGS
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Subject: OIG Control Number 2010100019, Charles Suits

Directive: PPM#: CW-R-006 - Use, Retention and Destruction of Electronic Mail

During the course of OIG investigation 20100009 which concerned allegations by political candidate Andrew Schaller that Commissioner Santamaria's staff was misusing the county email system, an email review of his staffers Johnnie Easton, Charles Suits and Dennis Lipp was conducted dating back to June 1, 2010. During this review, the OIG investigator came upon twelve (12) emails from Charles Suits to Ms. Easton and Mr. Lipp which appear to be inappropriate.

Mr. Charles Suits admitted he sent the emails during a lapse of judgment and offered to personally apologize to anyone who may have been offended. He stated he also regretted any embarrassment he may have caused to the Commissioner's office.

We are sending you this notification for your review. It is recommended that, in coordination with the County Attorney's office and the Director of Human Resources, you take appropriate corrective action if the emails are found to be in violation of PPM# CW-R-006. Please provide us a copy of any corrective action(s) by January 13, 2011.

Attachments

Cc: Denise Nieman, County Attorney
Wayne Condry, Director of Human Resources