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## Report Highlights

# District Attorney for the 37th Judicial District

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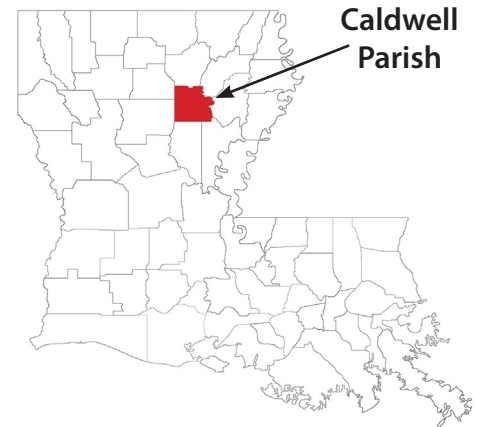
### Why We Conducted This Audit

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor received a complaint that an employee of the District Attorney for the 37th Judicial District (District Attorney) may have taken public funds from the District Attorney's office. This audit was initiated to determine the validity of the complaint.

### What We Found

#### Worthless Check Revenue Not Deposited

A former employee of the District Attorney, Ms. Sharon Lovett, received at least \$17,238 in cash and money orders payable to, or intended for, the District Attorney's office that was not deposited into the District Attorney's bank account between January 2015 and September 2017. Ms. Lovett acknowledged taking cash and money orders and using the funds for her personal use. She also told us she discarded the receipt books to conceal the amounts taken. By taking funds she collected on the District Attorney's behalf and destroying receipt books to conceal amounts taken, Ms. Lovett may have violated state and federal law.



View the full report, including management's response, at [www.la.gov](http://www.la.gov).