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Report Highlights

Town of Haynesville

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Why We Conducted This Audit

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) received notification from Mayor Beverlee Killgore of a possible misappropriation of public funds in the police department. This audit was initiated to determine the validity and scope of any such misappropriation.

What We Found

Traffic Citation Fines Not Deposited

Town of Haynesville (Town) records indicate that \$50,048 in traffic citation revenue was not deposited into the Town's bank account from September 5, 2007 through September 16, 2015. Former Haynesville Police Dispatcher Heather Allen was responsible for accepting traffic citation fines but stated she did not take the missing funds. However, there were 137 cash deposits totaling \$40,615 made into her bank accounts during the same period. If Ms. Allen deposited the traffic citation revenue into her bank account, she may have violated state law.

Improper Changes to Public Records

Former police dispatcher Heather Allen appears to have altered public records at the police department that resulted in (1) an improperly reduced fine and reinstated driver's license and (2) an uncollected fine for speeding by changing a bench warrant to a warning. Ms. Allen could not provide documentation to show she was authorized to make these changes and may have violated state law.

Lack of Controls Over Traffic Citations/Fines/Dockets

Traffic citations, receipts for fines collected, and court dockets were not complete, accurate, or reconciled.

View the full report, including management's response, at www.lla.la.gov.