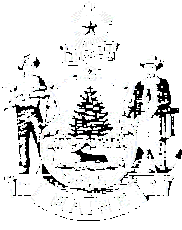


# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **MAINE STATE AUDITOR'S FRAUD HOTLINE**

**<http://www.maine.gov/audit/fraud/fraud.htm>**

### **December 2008 Seminannual Report**

**Period - 6/01/08 to 12/31/08**

**Total number of complaints received: 5**

**Complaint sequence: Complaints 1 to 5**

**Number of referrals of fraud or other criminal conduct to the Attorney General: 0**

**Number of referrals of agency performance issues to the Office of Program  
Evaluation and Government Accountability: 0**

**Number of investigations by the State Auditor:   Opened: 5  
  Completed/Closed: 5  
  Pending: 0**

### **Complaint #1**

**Nature of Complaint:** Out of state complainant alleged housing fraud without stating sufficient facts to investigate.

**Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint:** Not applicable: insufficient facts.

**Determination of potential cost savings:** Not applicable.

**Recommended action:** None. Complainant did not provide sufficient information to warrant investigation. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

**Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated:** None: insufficient facts.

### **Complaint #2**

**Nature of Complaint:** Out of state complainant alleged ex husband resides in Maine and was not paying child support.

**Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint:** Private individual is the subject of the complaint. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Support Enforcement collects child support for Maine residents.

**Determination of potential cost savings:** None: matter is private.

**Recommended action:** Referred to Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Enforcement. Closed by Maine Department of Audit.

**Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated:** None: private matter.

### **Complaint #3**

**Nature of Complaint:** Complaint alleged stepsister was mishandling the estate of her mother.

**Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint:** Not applicable: private matter

**Determination of potential cost savings:** None: private matter.

**Recommended action:** None: matter is private. Complainant referred to private attorney. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

**Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated:** None: private matter.

#### **Complaint #4**

**Nature of Complaint:** Complaint alleged that resident had not received appropriate child support payments and requested an accounting.

**Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint:** Private individual was the subject of the complaint. Department of Health and Human Services – Child Support Enforcement is responsible for collecting child support payments but did not appear to be the subject of complaint.

**Determination of potential cost savings:** None: private matter.

**Recommended action:** Referred to DHHS – Child Support Enforcement. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

**Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated:** None: private matter.

#### **Complaint #5**

**Nature of Complaint:** Complaint alleged that citizen was solicited to cash a check for a Nigerian friend and forward him the cash.

**Office, bureau, or division within department or agency that is subject of complaint:** Not applicable: private matter.

**Determination of potential cost savings:** Not applicable.

**Recommended action:** None. Information on avoiding phishing scams was provided to complainant. Case closed by Maine Department of Audit.

**Statement as to degree complaint has been substantiated:** None.