

Fraud Report

Fraud #: F-22-359

Submission Date: 09/15/2022

Entity: Commerce, Washington State Department of

Dashboard

Short Description: landlord covid relief program fraud

Investigation Status: Closed

Assigned Team: Single Audit

Assigned PM:

PR Request ID's:

Public Records Request: No

Assignment Notes:

Detection Method: Entity Management

Entity: S103

Total Budget:

Team Budget:

Audit Number:

Audit Documentation: Database Only

TM Project Code:

Ok to release/bill time: No

Primary Loss Type: Cash Disbursements

Loss Type Notes or Sub Category:

Cyber Loss Category: --

Cyber Cause: --

This case contains sensitive information: No

Which tab or attachment contains sensitive information?

Results: No Action - required to assess on next audit

Closed Date: 09/15/2022

Inactivate: No

Inactive Notes:

Contact

Created By:

Name: Nicholas Yuva

Title: Landlord Mitigation Administrator

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Assignment Notes:

Paw and Plan

Loss Notification Date: 09/15/2022

PAW Assignment Date:

Initial Contact with Entity Date:

Assessment Completion Date:

Reviewing Team: Single Audit

Team Review Date:

Fraud Team Review Date:

Please describe, if we did not meet 5 and 10 day requirements:

Action/Next Step:

Outcome

Exit conference date:

Exit conference attendees:

Misappropriation assigned amount:

Name and title of responsible party:

Misappropriation unassigned amount: 23750

Questionable amount:

Misappropriation recovery amount:

Loss Amount:

Cyber recovery Amount:

Final audit cost:

Audit report number:

Audit report issue date:

Other case # s reported with this one:

Restitution

SAO Approval Date:

SAO Approval Initials:

AG Approval Date:

SAO Approval Initials:

Amount Approved:

Point of Contact:

Contacted PA Date:

Post audit PA/LE/FBI contact notes:

Activity Log

Date	Entry
09/15/2022	'Short Description' field updated, 'Detection Method' field updated from '--' to 'Entity Management', 'Audit Documentation' field updated from '--' to 'Database Only', 'Results' field updated from '--' to 'No Action - required to assess on next audit', 'Misappropriation unassigned amount' field updated from '' to '23750' by sullivan
09/15/2022	'Investigation Status' field updated from 'Pre-Triage' to 'Closed', 'Closed Date' field updated from '' to '9/15/2022' by sullivan

Initial Loss Report

Department/area of concern: Landlord Mitigation Program

What is the suspected loss or illegal activity? 23750

Start: 12/19/2021

End: 09/15/2022

What type of issue are you reporting? Cash Disbursements

What type of cyber concern are you reporting? --

What was the cause of initial attack vector for the cyber loss? --

Please describe the type of issue:

Please describe the amount of loss: Two landlord mitigation claims totaling \$23,750.00 were submitted, approved and payment issued.

Please describe the suspected loss of illegal activity: SUBMITTED DESCRIPTION: Brenda Raymond filed two claims to the Landlord Covid Relief Program for unpaid rents in 2021. The claims were approved and payment was issued.

How was the suspected loss or activity detected? Claimant attempted to cash the warrant at a Moneytree store. They were denied and the agent at Moneytree notified Commerce that the claimant is not the registered owner and they spoke with the owner the property owner explained that the claimant (Brenda Raymond) is the deceased owner's ex-wife from 20 years ago and has no rights to the property and that the properties claimed are uninhabitable (boarded up) and have been for a long time.

Is an investigation in progress? No

If an investigation by management, law enforcement or others underway, who is in charge of this investigation?

What actions have you taken to date, if any? We are attempting to cancel the warrant but Brenda is already in possession of the physical check.

Are there any dedications of employee involvement? No.

Name and/or title of employee that have been involved in (responsible for) the loss. NA

Is this person still employed by the agency? No

Describe the employee's job responsibilities and areas or functions the employee has/had access to:

Have any restitution agreements been signed? No

Has a police report been filed? No

Do you have a copy? No

Who at the entity is aware this concern is being reported? Kathy Kinard, Todd Steben, Elizabeth O'Leary and Nicholas Yuva.