

Report Highlights

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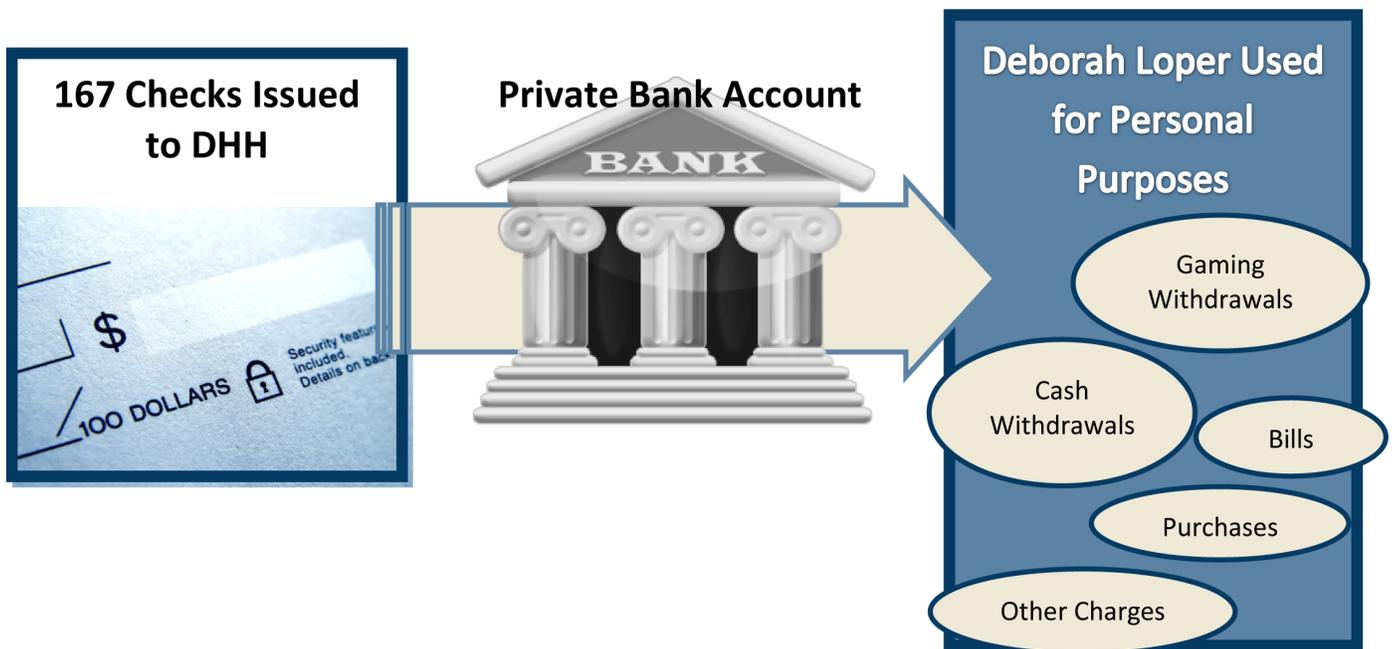
Why We Conducted This Audit

This audit was initiated after the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) notified the Louisiana Legislative Auditor of possible misappropriation of public funds by a DHH employee.

What We Found

Former Fiscal Director Diverted Public Funds to a Private Bank Account for Personal Use

From March 27, 2007, to February 1, 2013, former DHH Fiscal Director Deborah Loper diverted checks issued to DHH totaling at least \$1,058,446 to a private bank account for personal use. DHH’s lack of adequate internal controls over incoming mail and funds transfers appears to have allowed Ms. Loper to divert these checks to a private bank account without detection. Because Capital One Bank allowed Ms. Loper to deposit checks issued to DHH into a private bank account, Ms. Loper was able to convert these public funds for personal use.



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