

Special Report
on
Audit Exceptions
Fiscal Year 2002



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Office of the State Auditor

**Agency Audit Section
County Audit Section
Education Audit Section
Performance Audit Division
Investigative Audit Division**

A legally mandated account of misappropriated or misspent public funds and the actions taken by the Office of the State Auditor for their recovery and return to the State's public treasuries for Fiscal Year 2002.

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July 31, 2002

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Honorable Amy Tuck, Lieutenant Governor
Honorable Marshall Bennett, Treasurer
Honorable Tim Ford, Speaker of the House
Honorable Travis Little, President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Honorable Robert Clark, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House
Members of the Mississippi State Legislature

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you are aware, it is my duty to report to you the specific exceptions taken by the Office of the State Auditor during Fiscal Year 2002, as required by Sections 7-7-79, 7-7-217 and 7-7-219, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972).

An audit "*exception*" indicates that a violation of the law has resulted in public funds being misappropriated or spent incorrectly. The term also means that money must be repaid.

The "*exceptions*" included under the County Audit Section may refer to disallowed expenditures by officials who assumed the responsibility of reimbursing the county general fund when an audit exception was taken by the Office of the State Auditor. To those officials who cooperated with this effort we are sincerely grateful. Both the taxpayers and this agency benefited from their willingness to assure accountability in county government. These incidents are primarily those involving excesses of the salary cap for circuit and chancery clerks and are recorded as "*paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.*"

Additionally, this report includes the formal demands for repayment made by the State Auditor and the cases referred by this office to the Office of the Attorney General for litigation. The report also discusses the cases that were closed by settlement, collection, litigation or dismissal.

The Agency Audit Section was responsible for recovering misspent funds and an overpayment to a vendor totaling \$1,342.87. The County Audit Section was responsible for recovering misspent funds or disallowed expenditures totaling \$63,676.72. Additionally, the County Audit Section, through the audit process was responsible for the proper settlement of unidentified funds and assessments due entities totaling \$80,091.45. The Education Audit Section through the audit process was responsible for recovering overpayments to employees for reimbursement of unused leave totaling \$12,584.28. The Performance Audit Division reconstructed financial records at a cost to the Circuit Clerk of \$55,600.00 and disbursed unsettled garnishments and restitutions totaling \$166,552.71. The Investigative Division issued 14 written demands for \$1,496,420.15, and recovered misspent or embezzled funds totaling \$485,912.86.¹ The total amount of funds received by the Office of the State Auditor for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2002, was \$865,760.89.

As in the past we at the Office of the State Auditor pledge to perform our jobs with integrity, honesty and a commitment to excellence. We will strive to protect the public's trust through evaluations of accounting practices and aggressive investigations of alleged wrongdoing. We believe the taxpayers of Mississippi deserve no less.

Sincerely,



PHIL BRYANT
State Auditor

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¹ *This amount reflects funds collected on previous year exceptions and monies paid and settled to the appropriate funds directly. Prior Fiscal Year payments are not included in this amount.*

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**EXCEPTIONS
TAKEN BY THE
AGENCY AUDIT SECTION**

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON
JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

Executive Director Luther T. Brantley, III **\$352.88**
Personal use of Commission's Cell Phone

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD
OF
VETERINARY MEDICINE

Executive Secretary Dr. Harvey F. McCrory, DVM **\$989.99**
Overpayment to a Vendor

Status: Overpayment reimbursed by the vendor in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

**EXCEPTIONS
TAKEN BY THE
COUNTY AUDIT SECTION**

CLAY COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Bobbie C. Davis **\$2,349.42**
Official Did Not Pay Matching Payroll Items for an Employee

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

DESOTO COUNTY

Chancery Clerk W. E. Davis
Fee Journal Exception **2000** **\$789.60**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Circuit Clerk Dale Kelly Thompson
Fee Journal Exception **2000** **\$43.73**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

GRENADA COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Powell Vance
Fee Journal Exception **1999** **\$200.00**
Fee Journal Exception **2000** **\$109.89**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

HOLMES COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Earline Wright Hart
Fee Journal Exception **1999** **\$19,402.00**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Lawrence Browder	\$681.00
Excess Fees for Homestead Applications	
Fee Journal Exception 2000	\$6,772.59

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Sheriff Wayne Holloway	\$816.86
Shortage in Account	

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Burnell Harris	
Fee Journal Exception 2000	\$914.71

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Jack D. Berry	\$120.68
Net Difference Against Underpayment for Copying Tax Rolls and Overpayment for Attending Board Meetings	

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

PONTOTOC COUNTY

Justice Court Clerk Betty James **\$278.63**
Shortage in Account

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

RANKIN COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Murphy Adkins
Fee Journal Exception 1999 **\$2,667.26**
Fee Journal Exception 2000 **\$11,429.69**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

TATE COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Wayne Crockett
Fee Journal Exception 2000 **\$280.27**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

TIPPAH COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Daniel Shackelford
Overpayment for Attending Board of Supervisors' Meeting **\$657.44**
Reimbursement for Erroneous Payment of Retired Employee **898.30**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

WARREN COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Larry Ashley **\$982.48**
Fee Journal Exception **2000**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Leola Jordan
Fee Journal Exception **2000** **\$174.30**

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

WEBSTER COUNTY

Chancery Clerk Lady H. Doolittle **\$371.50**
Misplaced Mineral Stamps

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Circuit Clerk Deborah H. Neal **\$649.97**
Overpayment of Fees

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Deputy Sheriff Janae Steadman **\$83.90**
Unlawful Expense Paid From Petty Cash

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

WILKINSON COUNTY

Board Attorney

David S. Crawford \$404.00

Ron Senko \$807.00

Excess Salary Due to Drop in Valuation

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Board of Supervisors

Jack R. Darden \$1,211.00

Mack A. Haynes \$1,211.00

Robert Morgan \$1,211.00

Edward K. Smith \$1,211.00

Excess Salary Due to Drop in Valuation

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Circuit Clerk Mon Cree Allen

\$3,744.50

Interest Due County

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

WINSTON COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Glenda Johnson

Fee Journal Exception **2000** \$391.00

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

**EXCEPTIONS
TAKEN BY THE
EDUCATION AUDIT SECTION**

DESOTO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Former School Principal Gayle Heaton **\$4,274.30**
Overpayment of Unused Personal Days

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Former School Principal Stephen Simpson **\$4,408.78**
Overpayment of Unused Personal Days

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Former School Principal James Sims **\$3,901.20**
Overpayment of Unused Personal Days

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

**EXCEPTIONS
TAKEN BY THE
PERFORMANCE AUDIT DIVISION**

PERFORMANCE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

BOLIVAR COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Rosie Simmons

Reconstruction of Records	\$55,600.00
Unsettled Restitutions and Garnishments	\$166,552.71

Status: Bank statements, cancelled checks, check stubs, duplicate receipts and court docket journals were used to reconstruct financial information that was used to determine the amounts that had not been properly settled.

**EXCEPTIONS
TAKEN BY THE
INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT DIVISION**

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

ADAMS COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Board of Supervisors **\$75,213.85**

District 1 Samuel L. Cauthen
District 2 Virginia S. Salmon
District 2 Walter Salmon (deceased)
District 3 Thomas Campbell
District 4 Phillip West
District 5 Maxie Wallace
District 5 David Huber (former)
Misuse of Public Equipment

Status: Formal written demand was issued on September 18, 1996, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 21, 1997. This case was closed on the advice of the Office of the Attorney General.

Former Constable Ronnie Wells **\$790.00**

Embezzlement and False Pretense

Status: Wells pled guilty to charges of Embezzlement and False Pretense in the Circuit Court of Adams County.

ALCORN COUNTY

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Former Corinth/Alcorn Co. Airport Manager

Richard Carter **\$3,504.91**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on October 12, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on November 12, 1999.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

CALHOUN COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Tax Collector Kathlene Welch

\$8,159.02

Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on December 16, 1996. Welch was issued a court order to pay funds directly to the entity. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$1,673.52 was paid directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$113.00.

CLARKE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Justice Court Clerk Mary Lynn Fagan

\$71,654.33

Embezzlement

Status: Fagan was found guilty and convicted of three (3) counts of Embezzlement by a Clarke County Circuit Court Jury on June 27, 2001. Formal written demand was issued on August 8, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on September 10, 2001. On August 23, 2001, Fagan was sentenced to serve ten (10) years in custody of MDOC, with eight (8) years suspended and five (5) years supervised probation under MDOC. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$50,000.00 was received from the bonding company and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account leaving a balance of \$21,654.33.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

COPIAH COUNTY

CITY OF HAZLEHURST

City Alderman Lonnie McKenzie **\$898.32**
Work on Private Property

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

City Alderman Frank Pickering **\$3,263.68**
Work on Private Property

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

DESOTO COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Tax Collector Peggy Ann Rodgers **\$2,954.75**
Embezzlement

Status: For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount \$1,000.00 was received and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account leaving a balance of \$1,954.75.

FORREST COUNTY

CITY OF PETAL

Former City Court Clerk Liz Brewer **\$1,047.60**
Embezzlement

Status: Paid in full directly to the entity.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

FORREST COUNTY - cont.

HATTIESBURG PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Former Athletic Director Dr. Allen Brice **\$13,392.20**
Unaccounted for School Funds

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account. The case was presented to the Forrest County Grand Jury and a “No Bill” was returned.

GEORGE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Tax Collector Mandy Holland Vise **\$3,718.98**
Embezzlement

Status: On March 22, 1999, Vise was indicted on three (3) counts of Embezzlement. Vise pled guilty on one (1) count of embezzlement and was ordered to pay restitution of \$3,718.98, court cost and one (1) year non reporting probation. Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

HANCOCK COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Sheriff Ronnie Peterson **\$15,456.48**
Unaccounted Public Funds and Property

Status: Payment in the amount of \$4,000.00 was paid directly to the entity. Full payment in the amount of \$11,456.48 was received and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

HARRISON COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Election Commissioners

Aurabelle M. Caggins	\$406.45
Toni Jo Diaz	\$3,790.27
Thomas A. Esposito	\$3,289.00
Phyllis Sisson	\$1,490.22
Excess Fees	

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

STATE OFFICIALS

Former Chancery Court Judges

J. N. Randall, Jr.	\$3,635.11
Thomas W. Teel	\$8,450.73
Embezzlement	

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

Chancery Court Judge Walter “Wes” Teel	\$570.00
Misuse of Public Funds	

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN

Former Mayor Pro Temp Michael Antoine	\$3,519.72
Overpayment of Salary	

Status: Formal written demand was issued on May 4, 1995, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 12, 1996.

HINDS COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Board of Supervisors **\$31,113.44**

Former District 1 Barry Vickery
District 2 Doug Anderson
District 3 Peggy Hobson Calhoun
District 4 Ronnie Chappell
District 5 George S. Smith
Unauthorized Expenditures

Status: Formal written demand was issued on February 22, 1996, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on March 22, 1996. The Attorney General filed suit on July 29, 1997. The lawsuit is currently pending and awaiting a trial date.

Former Deputy Tax Collector Lisa Hogan **\$733.18**

Unaccounted for Public Funds

Status: As of June 30, 2002 the balance is \$733.18.

Former Deputy Tax Collector Stephanie Reginal **\$11,761.76**

Unaccounted for Public Funds

Status: Formal written demand was issued on January 3, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 3, 2001. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$1,679.69.

Former Deputy Tax Collector Velma Williams **\$1,069.46**

Misuse for Public Funds

Status: Paid in full directly to the entity.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

HINDS COUNTY - cont.

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Former Junior High Bookkeeper Kim Renee Peel **\$28,852.33**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on February 17, 1998, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on April 15, 1998. This case was presented to the Grand Jury on August 12, 1998. Ms. Peel was sentenced on June 14, 1999, to a five (5) year-suspended sentence with restitution to be paid in equal monthly installments. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$3,650.00 was paid directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$13,202.33. Although the case has been closed by the Office of the Attorney General, the case will be monitored by the Investigative Division.

UNIVERSITY of MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

Former Business Manager Gregory Neel Rector **\$196,587.72**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on February 1, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on March 1, 1999. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$1,925.00 has been received by the U. S. District Court and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account, leaving a balance of \$3,075.00. Although the case has been closed by the Office of the Attorney General, the case will be monitored by the Investigative Division for court-ordered restitution payments. Rector filed bankruptcy on June 14, 2002.

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

CITY OF BELZONI

Former City Clerk Sandra Marie Ray **\$2,412.18**
Failure to Deposit Funds

Status: Formal written demand was issued on February 16, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on March 16, 2001. On January 29, 2001, the District Attorney declined prosecution of this case.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

ITAWAMBA COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Tax Collector Stephanie Taylor Beam **\$326,375.56**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on April 18, 2000, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on May 18, 2000. In January 2000, Beam pled guilty and was sentenced to ten (10) years, with seven (7) suspended, and to pay restitution, costs and fines.

Former Supervisor District 2 J. T. Farris **\$8,216.80**
Conversion of Public Property to Personal Use

Status: Formal written demand was issued on April 3, 2000, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on May 3, 2000.

JACKSON COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Sheriff's Office Bookkeeper Lou Carnley Thrash **\$235,572.62**
Embezzlement

Status: On October 17, 2001, Thrash was indicted for Embezzlement. Formal written demand was issued December 3, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on January 2, 2002.

CITY OF MOSS POINT

Former Municipal Court Clerk Mary Louise Plainer **\$23,397.87**
Failure to Deposit Collections

Status: Formal written demand was issued on January 19, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 18, 1999. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$13,397.87.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

JACKSON COUNTY - cont.

CITY OF MOSS POINT

Former Property Maintenance Supervisor Charles James, Jr. **\$3,115.67**
Embezzlement

Status: James pled guilty to Embezzlement and was sentenced to five (5) years supervised probation, to pay restitution and costs. Formal written demand was issued on May 22, 2000, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on June 22, 2000. For Fiscal Year 2002, James paid \$300.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$2,265.67.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Tax Assessor/Collector Dudley Guice, Sr. **\$7,465.06**
Misuse of Public Funds

Status: Formal written demand was issued on January 4, 2002, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 2, 2002.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Justice Court Clerk Cassandra Price **\$417,842.60**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on September 27, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 27, 1999. In December 1999, Price pled guilty to five (5) counts of embezzlement and was sentenced to five (5) years, with four (4) suspended on each count, sentences to run consecutively, post release supervised probation and to pay costs. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$157,622.99.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

JONES COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Constable Milton Smith **\$3,929.00**
Unauthorized Fees

Status: For Fiscal Year 2002, Smith paid \$927.50 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$1,074.00.

Constable Charles Williams **\$3,440.38**
Unauthorized Fees

Status: For Fiscal Year 2002, Williams paid \$927.50 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$585.38.

Former Adult Detention Center Nurse
Helen Lynette Husband **\$52,987.10**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on January 19, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 18, 1999. On December 18, 1998, Husband was sentenced to pay restitution of \$18,000.00, court costs of \$219.00 and fines of \$500.00, in monthly installments of \$300.00 until paid in full. Although the case has been closed by the Office of the Attorney General, the case will be monitored by the Investigative Division for court-ordered restitution payments. For Fiscal Year 2002, Husband paid \$1,600.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$10,859.45.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

CITY OF OXFORD

Former Oxford Park Commissioner Allen Anthony Jones **\$53,422.38**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on September 24, 1998, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 28, 1998. On August 19, 1999, Jones pled guilty to three (3) counts of False Pretense. On each count Jones was sentenced to three (3) years, with one (1) year suspended, and one (1) year of post release supervision. Sentences are to run concurrent and Jones is ordered to pay restitution of \$53,000.00 and court costs of \$1,100.50. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$30,223.88. Although the case has been closed by the Office of the Attorney General, the case will be monitored by the Investigative Division.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Circuit Clerk Cotonya Griffin **\$6,055.01**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on February 20, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on March 20, 2001. Griffin pled guilty and was sentenced to three (3) years in prison, the sentence was suspended and Griffin was placed on probation for three (3) years. For Fiscal Year 2002, Griffin paid \$685.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$3,705.01.

CITY OF MERIDIAN

Former Clerk Meridian Police Department Vivian Groves **\$5,097.34**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on June 24, 2002.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

LEAKE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Former Sheriff's Office Bookkeeper Kathy Chamblee **\$20,392.55**
Failure to Deposit Funds

Status: Formal written demand was issued on June 22, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on July 22, 2001.

Former Deputy Tax Collector Jean Teat **\$9,306.65**
Misappropriation

Status: Formal written demand was issued on January 9, 1996, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on May 14, 1996. Teat pled guilty and was sentenced to serve two (2) years, and ordered to pay restitution of \$9,306.65. For Fiscal Year 2002, Teat paid \$830.00 directly to entity leaving a balance of \$3,001.00.

LEFLORE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Tax Collector Paula Horn **\$22,028.91**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on August 10, 2000, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on September 10, 2000. Horn pled guilty to Embezzlement, sentenced to three (3) years probation and was ordered to pay restitution of \$22,028.91 to Office of the State Auditor, and to pay court cost. For Fiscal Year 2002, full payment in the amount of \$22,028.91 was received from the bonding company and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Former Assistant Professor Rosetta Harris **\$28,320.00**
Misuse of Public Funds

Status: Formal written demand was issued on December 12, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on March 11, 2002.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

LINCOLN COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIALS

Former New Site Vol. Fire Dept. Treasurer Andrea Grammar \$32,242.05
Embezzlement; Uttering Forgeries

Status: Grammar pled guilty to Embezzlement and two (2) counts of Uttering Forgeries and was sentenced to seven (7) years on each count to run currently, suspended with five (5) years probation; a term at a restitution center, and to pay restitution, costs and fines. For Fiscal Year 2002, Grammar paid \$600.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance \$23,728.10.

Former Deputy Tax Collector Carla Chris Haley \$35,395.15
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on August 10, 2000, in the amount of \$16,783.65 and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on September 10, 2000. Haley pled guilty to Embezzlement and False Entries and was sentenced to eight (8) years, with five (5) years suspended for embezzlement and sentenced to eight (8) years, with five (5) years suspended for false entries, to run currently, and to pay restitution, costs and fines. For Fiscal Year 2002, Haley paid \$155.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$16,308.65.

CITY OF BROOKHAVEN

Former Municipal Court Clerk Betty Sisco \$38,440.74
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on October 19, 1998, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on December 1, 1998. On January 14, 1998, Sisco pled guilty to Embezzlement charges and was sentenced to eight (8) years in prison, suspended upon completion of supervised house arrest, and ordered to pay court costs and restitution directly to the county, and to perform 250 hours of community service. For Fiscal Year 2002, final payment in the amount of \$11,845.73 was received from the Lincoln County Criminal Account and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

LOWNDES COUNTY

COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Former Bookkeeper Sharon Morgan

\$94,040.42

Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on October 2, 1998, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on November 6, 1998. On February 25, 1999, Morgan pled guilty to Embezzlement and was sentenced to a ten (10) year sentence to be suspended upon satisfactory completion of a one (1) year intensive supervised house arrest program, to pay all court costs, to pay fines totaling \$10,000.00, and to pay restitution of \$50,104.84. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$43,935.48.

MADISON COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Chancery Clerk Steve Duncan

\$680,853.62

Embezzlement and Excess Fees

Status: As a result of the death of former Chancery Clerk Steve Duncan, formal written demand was issued to the bonding company on May 1, 2002 and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on June 3, 2002.

MARION COUNTY

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Former Jefferson Middle School

Cafeteria Cashier Marie Middleton

\$2,965.70

Missing Funds

Status: Formal written demand was issued on December 13, 1995, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on September 13, 1996. Default Judgment was filed against Middleton in Marion County Circuit Court on July 20, 1999.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

MARSHALL COUNTY

**HOLLY SPRINGS TOURISM AND
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES BUREAU**

Former Public Employee Sandy Stovall **\$125,798.40**
Embezzlement

Status: On June 1, 2001, Stovall was arrested and charged with four (4) counts of Forgery. Formal written demand was issued on September 2, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 19, 2001. Stovall pled guilty to Embezzlement and was sentenced to ten (10) years, with eight (8) years suspended and two (2) years to serve.

MONROE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Tax Collector Nancy Stockton **\$600.00**
Unaccounted for Public Funds

Status: Paid in full directly to the entity. Stockton voluntarily paid for the unaccounted funds for an unknown employee.

NEWTON COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Tax Collector Velinda Craven **\$119,126.53**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on January 3, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 3, 2001. Craven pled guilty to Embezzlement and was sentenced to five (5) years, with two (2) years to serve and three (3) years post release supervision and ordered to pay restitution of \$20,000.00 and \$1,500.00 fine plus court cost. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 was received from the bonding company and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account leaving a balance of \$109,126.53.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

NOXUBEE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Supervisor District 5 Robert Henley **\$10,153.00**
Unauthorized Expenditures of Public Funds

Status: On May 15, 2002, Henley pled guilty to one (1) count of Embezzlement and is scheduled for sentencing on August 19, 2002. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$3,653.00.

NOXUBEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Former Principal Mark Calhoun **\$7,206.35**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on November 3, 1998, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on December 3, 1998. Calhoun pled guilty to the charge of Embezzlement and was sentenced to six (6) years to the Department of Corrections. Calhoun was ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00 and restitution of \$7,206.35. For Fiscal Year 2002, full payment in the amount of \$7,206.35 was received from the bonding company and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Former Business Manager Danny Oswalt

\$132,636.24

Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on August 31, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 1, 2001. On February 5, 2002, Oswalt pled Guilty to Embezzlement. On April 15, 2002, Oswalt was sentenced to serve five (5) years, with five (5) years probation and was ordered to pay court cost, a fine of \$1,000.00 and restitution of \$116,889.82. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$741.50 was settled to the appropriate fund directly. Payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 was received from the bonding company and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account leaving a balance of \$31,894.74.

CITY OF STARKVILLE

Former Fire Chief Willie Johnson

\$7,510.95

Misuse of Public Funds; Unauthorized Payment of Salary

Status: Formal written demand was issued on February 23, 1998, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on April 10, 1998. Johnson was found guilty on November 6, 2000, and sentenced to three (3) years suspended, three (3) years probation, and ordered to pay \$500.00 fine and court cost. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$6,918.56.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

PEARL RIVER COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Tax Collector Faye Allen
Over Settlement

\$77,552.23

Status: The tax collector's office over settled the Forestry Tax to the Mississippi Forestry Commission. The Mississippi Forestry Commission made full payment directly to the entity.

Former Deputy Chancery Clerk Katrina Bogan
Embezzlement

\$5,234.29

Status: On December 11, 1998, Bogan was convicted of Embezzlement and sentenced to five (5) years, suspended upon successful completion of a five (5) year probationary period, to pay restitution, costs and fines. For Fiscal Year 2002, Bogan paid \$370.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$3,719.29.

Sheriff's Office

\$36,544.03

Former Sheriff Dan C. McNeil, Jr.
Liable for Recovery of Public Funds

Former Sheriff's Dispatch Supervisor Mrs. Gloistine Travis
False Statement and Representation

Status: Formal written demand was issued on June 29, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on July 30, 2001. Travis pled guilty to two (2) counts of False Statement and Representation on September 1, 2000. On November 14, 2000, Travis was sentenced to five (5) years, adjudication, to run concurrent, and ordered to pay restitution of \$19,196.34 to the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors, plus court cost. For Fiscal Year 2002, Travis paid \$3,050.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$32,142.03.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

PERRY COUNTY

CITY OF NEW AUGUSTA

Former City Court Clerk Margaret Sanford

\$13,148.13

Embezzlement

Status: On August 20, 2001, Sanford pled guilty to Embezzlement and was ordered to pay restitution of \$13,148.13 and five (5) years supervised probation. Formal written demand was issued on September 24, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 24, 2001. For Fiscal Year 2002, Sanford paid \$900.00 directly to the entity. Full payment in the amount of \$13,148.13 was received from the bonding company and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account. The over payment of \$900.00 has been returned to the bonding company.

PONTOTOC COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Circuit Clerk Linda Kay Olsen

\$248,143.57

Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on September 14, 2000, in the amount of \$203,930.76 and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 16, 2000. Olsen was sentenced to five (5) years and was ordered to pay restitution of \$203,930.76, in addition to \$44,212.81 previously paid. For Fiscal Year 2002, Olsen paid \$1,000.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$184,330.76.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

PRENTISS COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Sheriff Jerry C. 'Bud' Michael
Embezzlement

\$7,084.09

Status: Formal written demand was issued on April 19, 2000, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on May 19, 2000. Michael pled guilty and is currently serving fifty nine (59) months in a Federal Correctional Facility.

QUITMAN COUNTY

CITY OF SLEDGE

Former Police Chief Lenwood Smith
Embezzlement

\$2,897.70

Status: On August 2, 1999, Smith pled guilty to Embezzlement and was sentenced to five (5) years with four (4) years suspended. Smith was ordered to pay all court cost, full restitution and was fined \$1,000.00. Formal written demand was issued on September 5, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 5, 2001. For Fiscal Year 2002, Smith paid \$250.00 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$2,647.70.

RANKIN COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Justice Court Clerk Georgia Faye Moss
Embezzlement

\$110,000.00

Status: Formal written demand was issued on September 10, 2001, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on October 20, 2001. For Fiscal Year 2002, payment in the amount of \$60,000.00 has been paid and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account leaving a balance of \$50,000.00. Moss pled guilty to Embezzlement on August 9, 2001, and was sentenced September 4, 2001, to five (5) years probation and ordered to pay full restitution.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

SHARKEY COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Road Foreman Stan Boykin

\$2,115.13

Embezzlement

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account. District Attorney declined prosecution of this case.

SIMPSON COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former D'Lo Water Park Director Hugh Willis, Jr.

\$9,236.74

Embezzlement

Status: Willis was ordered to pay restitution to the county and investigative costs of \$765.60 to the Office of the State Auditor. Formal written demand was issued on May 19, 2000, in the amount of \$8,897.24, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on June 19, 2000. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$8,897.24.

CITY OF MAGEE

Mayor James Wayne Clyde

\$10,192.76

Embezzlement

Status: Clyde paid \$3,024.16 directly to entity. Full payment in the amount of \$7,168.60 was received and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

STONE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Comptroller/Deputy Chancery Clerk

Lisa Kay Baggett
Embezzlement

\$8,928.59

Status: Baggett was sentenced to five (5) years, suspended, with two (2) years probation, and to pay restitution of \$4,276.00, plus court cost. Formal written demand was issued on January 3, 2001, in the amount of \$4,652.59 and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on February 3, 2001. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$4,652.59.

TATE COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former County Comptroller Carol C. Kirkland

Unauthorized Salary

\$6,930.34

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

TIPPAH COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Sheriff Paul Gowdy

Unauthorized Payment of Salary

\$148,282.32

Status: Formal written demand was issued on July 1, 1996, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on December 22, 1997. Gowdy filed a Declaratory Judgment action against the Office of the State Auditor on August 24, 1998. This lawsuit was dismissed on December 19, 2000. This case was closed on the advice of the Office of the Attorney General.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

TISHOMINGO COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Supervisor Arlie South	\$561.00
Work on Private Property	

Status: Paid in full directly to the entity.

UNION COUNTY

Former Chancery Clerk Larry Koon	\$172,873.19
Embezzlement	
Salary in Excess of Fee Cap	

Status: Formal written demand was issued on December 6, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on January 6, 2000. In October 1999, Koon pled guilty and was sentenced to serve five (5) years on two (2) counts, with three (3) years suspended. As of June 30, 2002, the balance is \$30,473.19.

WARREN COUNTY

CITY OF VICKSBURG

Former Supervisor Water Department	
Charles Donald Robinson	\$10,505.72
Vendor/Consolidated Pipe and Supply Company, Incorporated	
Manager Marion Evon Leigh	\$82,976.71
Conspiracy to Defraud	

Status: Formal written demand was issued on June 12, 2002. On June 13, 2002, Robinson and Leigh pled guilty in U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi to the violation of Section 666, Title 18, U. S. Code (Bribery). Sentencing is scheduled for October 2, 2002.

Former Gas Department Director Raiford Wigley, Jr.	\$72,470.99
Conspiracy to Defraud	

Status: As a result of the death of Mr. Wigley a formal written demand was issued on June 12, 2002, to the bonding company.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Former Circuit Clerk Estelle Smith Pryor **\$24,544.16**
Excess Fees

Status: Formal written demand was issued on November 10, 1999, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on December 10, 1999.

WILKINSON COUNTY

Circuit Clerk Mon Cree Allen **\$1,225.10**
Unsettled Fees

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund directly.

Supervisor W. G. Johnson **\$1,211.00**
Salary Overpayment

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

Chancery Clerk Thomas C. Tolliver, Jr. **\$14,512.20**
Unauthorized Expenditures

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

INVESTIGATIVE AUDIT EXCEPTIONS

YAZOO COUNTY

COUNTY OFFICIAL

Former Deputy Chancery Clerk Betty Porch **\$10,120.46**
Embezzlement

Status: Paid in full and settled to the appropriate fund through the Office of the State Auditor Exception Clearing Account.

YAZOO CITY MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Former Athletic Director Bennie L. Tillman **\$32,190.73**
Embezzlement

Status: Formal written demand was issued on April 3, 2000, and transmitted to the Office of the Attorney General on May 3, 2000. Tillman entered into the Pre-Trial Intervention Program, by the Yazoo County Circuit Court. For Fiscal Year 2002, Tillman paid \$5,600 directly to the entity leaving a balance of \$6,587.73.

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