DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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STATE OF LOUISIANA Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2001

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Release Date 8/7/02

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Jerry Jones District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District State of Louisiana Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

We have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These component unit financial statements are the responsibility of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these component unit financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the component unit financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the component unit financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall component unit financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the component unit financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District at December 31, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 21, 2002, on our consideration of District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the component unit financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133,

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District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District

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Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the component unit financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the component unit financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the component unit financial statements taken as a whole.

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DONALD, TUCKER, BETTS & KNIGHT, L.L.C.

Monroe, Louisiana June 21, 2002

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S	<u>963,096</u>	\$73,152	\$25.948	\$ <u>737,149</u>	\$ <u>2,829,345</u>	\$2.572.534
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FOURTH STATE OF LOUISIANA JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, BY FUND GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

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	L'ULLA	ODCUIAL INCYCL	Adolescent		
	(District		Diversion	Totals	ls
	Attomey's	Title IV-D	Program	(Memorandum Only)	<u>dum Only)</u>
	Expense)	<u>Reimbursements</u>	Grant	2001	2000
on fines, forfeitures & court costs	\$412,891	•	s S	\$412,891	\$418,304
on bonds	153,417	0	0	153,417	205,130
ion fees	270,277	0	0	270,277	281,525
	0	359,278	0	359,278	329,019
	203,733	0	0	203,733	124,135
	0	0	39,801	39,801	25,363
and property - interest earning	85,527	196	0	85,723	104,830
S	229,216	0	0	229,216	288,979
orfeitures	40.302	0		40,302	37,864
lc	<u>1,395,363</u>	359,474	39.801	1.794,638	1,815,149
ense	32,562	0	0	32,562	36,389
ications	24,668	0	0	24,668	27,238
essing	17,209	0	0	17,209	42,255
	0	85,098	8,557	93,655	40,215
tions	11,292	0	0	11,292	9,769

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	General Fund	.C.	Lunc		
	(District Attorney's <u>Expense</u>)	Title IV-D <u>Reimbursements</u>	Adolescent Diversion Program Grant	Totals <u>Memorand</u> 2001	Totals (<u>Memorandum Only)</u> 001 <u>2000</u>
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l Fund al Court Fund	0 585,362	0 143,029	00	0 728,391	0 906,960
enditures expenditures	72.344 1.372.920	<u>243.489</u>	<u>8.557</u>	72,344	46.575 1.658.773
EVENUES (EXPENDITURES) NDITURES (REVENUES)	22,443	115,985	31.244	169,672	156,376
VCING SOURCES (USES) ransfers in ransfers out	147,229 0 147,229	0 (115.985) (115.985)	0 (<u>31.244</u>) (<u>31.244</u>)	147,229 (<u>147,229</u>)	302,362 (<u>302,362</u>) <u>0</u>
EVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES NDITURES AND OTHER USES	169,672	0	0	169,672	156,376
ICE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1.716,857</u>	0	0	1.716.857	1.560,481
CE, END OF YEAR	S1.886.529	S0	S0	\$ <u>1,886.529</u>	\$1.716,857
	See accompanying notes	to financial	statements.		

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES --BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	— —— · · · ·	General Fund	
	Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Commissions on fines, forfeitures and			
court costs	\$400,000	\$412,891	\$ 12,891
Commissions on bonds	200,000	153,417	(46,583)
Check collection fee	275,000	270,277	(4,723)
Grants – IV-D	340,000	0	(340,000)
Grants other	300,000	203,733	(96,267)
Interest income	75,000	85,527	10,527
Other revenues	175,000	229,216	54,216
Contraband forfeitures	50,000	40,302	(9,698)
Total revenues	1,815,000	1,395,363	(<u>419,637</u>)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Auto expense	25,000	32,562	(7,562)
Communications	25,000	24,668	332
Data processing	50,000	17,209	32,791
Grants	180,000	0	180,000
Investigation	15,000	11,292	3,708
Office supplies/service	85,000	151,316	(66,316)
L.A.C.E	200,000	184,658	15,342
Salaries	100,000	121,350	(21,350)
Seminars	40,000	38,265	1,735
Payroll taxes	0	1,760	(1,760)
Other expenditures	65,000	44,134	20,866
Intergovernmental transfers:		,	····,··
Morehouse Parish Police Jury:			
General Fund	15,000	. 0	15,000
Criminal Court Fund	84,000	88,000	(4,000)
Ouachita Parish Police Jury:			
General Fund	0	0	0
Criminal Court Fund	836,292	585,362	250,930
Capital outlay:			
Current expenditures	20,000	72,344	(52,344)
Total expenditures	1,740,292	1,372,920	367,372
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

		General Fund	
	Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	74,708	22,443	(52,265)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	0 0	147,229 0	147,229 0

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND

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OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	74,708	169,672	94,964
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,716,857</u>	<u>1,716,857</u>	0
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ <u>1,791,565</u>	\$ <u>1,886,529</u>	\$ <u>_94,964</u>

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article V, Section 26 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the District Attorney has charge of every criminal prosecution by the state in his district, is the representative of the state before the grand jury in his district, and is the legal advisor to the grand jury. He performs other duties as provided by law. The District Attorney is elected by the qualified electors of the judicial district for a term of six years. The Fourth Judicial District encompasses the parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita.

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local government. The GASB had issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards (June, 1992). This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for state and local government (the latest codification issued June 30, 2001). The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District is a part of the district court system of the State of Louisiana. However, the state statutes that create the district attorneys also give the district attorneys control over all their operations. This includes the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. The District Attorney is financially independent and operates autonomously from the State of Louisiana and independently from the district court system. In accordance with GASB Statement 14, the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District is a component unit of the Morehouse and Ouachita Parish Police Juries. For reporting purposes, the entity is considered to be a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury inasmuch as it provides significantly more support to the reporting entity than does the Morehouse Parish Police Jury.

A. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the District Attorney are organized on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Revenues are accounted for in these individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following funds and the account group presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Governmental Fund Types:

General Fund (District Attorney's Expense)

The General Fund was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 15:571.11, which provides that 12 percent of the fines collected and bonds forfeited be transmitted to the District Attorney to defray the necessary expenditures of his office. In addition, a \$20 court cost fee is designated for the District Attorney.

Special Revenue Fund (Title IV-D)

The Special Revenue Fund consists of grants of federal and state funds from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support authorized by Act 117 of 1975 to establish family and child support programs compatible with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the fund is to enforce the support obligation owed by absent parents to their family and children, to locate absent parents, to establish paternity, and to obtain family and child support. All monies received by the fund are reimbursements of expenditures made by other funds and are, therefore, transferred to the expending funds leaving a zero fund balance.

Special Revenue Fund (Adolescent Diversion Program)

The Special Revenue Fund consists of grants of state funds from the Louisiana Department of Hospitals. The grants are six months in length for the purpose of identification and counseling of young adults as first offense drug abusers or at risk to the community so as to return them as a productive part of society. All monies received by the fund are reimbursements of expenditures made by other funds and are, therefore, transferred into the expending funds leaving a zero fund balance.

Account Group:

General Fixed Assets Account Group

The General Fixed Assets Account Group is used to account for fixed assets in governmental fund type operations for control purposes. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. CRIMINAL COURT FUNDS

At the beginning of 1988, the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District assumed administrative responsibilities over the criminal court funds for Morehouse and Ouachita parishes from the respective police juries. The criminal court fund is established by statute to defray the expenditures of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's office. The transfer of the fund from the police juries was approved by the Chief Judge. On October 10, 1989, at the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's request, the Attorney General issued an opinion determining that the criminal court fund must be administered by the respective police jury. The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District reverted the funds back to the police juries as of January 1, 1990. For the year ending December 31, 2001, the criminal court funds were administered by the police juries and are, therefore, not included in these financial statements.

C. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

There are no long-term liabilities at December 31, 2001.

D. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District maintains cash balances at several banks. Financial instruments at all banks at December 31, 2001 were adequately insured.

E. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's records are maintained on a cash basis of accounting. However, the funds reported in the accompanying financial statements have been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting utilizing the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (Continued)

Revenues

Commissions on fines and bond forfeitures are recorded in the year they are collected by the parish tax collectors.

Grants are recorded when the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District is entitled to the funds.

Interest earned on investments is recorded when the investment has matured and the

income is available.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Other Financing Sources/Uses

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (and any other financing sources/use) are accounted for as other financing sources/uses.

F. BUDGETARY PRACTICES

An annual operating budget is adopted each year for the General Fund, and the same basis of accounting is used to reflect actual revenues and expenditures recognized on a basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. All appropriations lapse at year-end and any unexpended fund balance is carried forward into subsequent years. Formal budget integration is not employed as a management control device, and the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District does not use encumbrance accounting.

No budget is prepared for the Title IV-D Reimbursements Special Revenue Fund, as

all receipts are reimbursements of expenditures made by other funds and are reimbursed to those funds.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

<u>NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

G. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS – OVERVIEW

The total columns on the statements – overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Certain comparative data have been reclassified to present such amounts consistent with the current year's presentation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

Balance, beginning of year	\$689,547
Additions	77,295
Disposal	(<u>29,693</u>)
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>737,149</u>

During 1993, the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District adopted a fixed asset capitalization policy that states any item costing \$500 or greater will be assigned an inventory number and tag, and accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, thereby reducing the size and volume of individual small items comprised in the account group.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **DECEMBER 31, 2001**

NOTE 3 - EXPENDITURES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the District Attorney paid out of the funds of police juries of Morehouse and Ouachita parishes or directly by the State of Louisiana.

NOTE 4 – IV-D REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District participates in the United States Department of Health and Human Services Child Support Enforcement, Title IV-D Program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.563. The program is funded by indirect federal assistance payments and direct state assistance payments received from the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources.

The following is a summary of program cash receipts and disbursements during the fiscal year and a reconciliation of program cash receipts to revenues as reported in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001.

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	December 31, 2001
Title IV-D Program Activity:	
Cash receipts	\$321,629
Cash disbursed	359,278
Following is a reconciliation of program cash receipts to re	venues:
	December 31, 2001
Cash receipts listed above	\$321,629
Adjustments:	
Add accounts receivable, end of year	64,395
Deduct accounts receivable, beginning of year	26,746
Total IV-D revenues	\$ <u>359,278</u>

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF LOUISIANA Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001

NOTE 5 – PENSION PLANS

The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District and Assistant District Attorneys are members of the Louisiana District Attorney's Retirement System. The District Attorney and certain other employees are paid through the Fourth Judicial District. All other employees are paid by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. The administrative staff of the District Attorney's office are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana. Other than the contribution required by the District Attorney's Retirement System and recorded as an expenditure, the District Attorney's office does not guarantee any of the benefits granted by the above retirement system.

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NOTE 6 – INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

Expenditures of the funds are reimbursed by other funds and create interfund receivables and payables. The receivables and payables are short-term as repayment occurs in the following year.

NOTE 7 – PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were no prior year findings or management letter comments.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS DECEMBER 31, 2001

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA <u>Number</u>	Pass-through Entity Identifying <u>Number</u>	Federal <u>Expenditures</u>
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services: Pass-through Programs from: State Department of Social Services			
Child Support Enforcement	93.563		\$359,278
Adolescent Diversion Program	93.959		39,801

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U. S. Department of Justice:		
Pass-through Program from Louisiana		
Commission on Law Enforcement and		
Administration of Criminal Justice		
Juvenile Accountability Incentive		
Block Grant	16.523	68,086
Violent Crime/Drug Control & System		
Improvement System Block Grant	16.579	61,703
Violence Against Women Formula Grant	16.588	25,296
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARI	DS	\$ <u>554,164</u>

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS DECEMBER 31, 2001

FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2000

Federal CFDA Number ----

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U. S. Department of Health and Human Services: Pass-through Programs from: State Department of Social Services Child Support Enforcement 93.563 Adolescent Diversion Program 93.959

U. S. Department of Justice:

Pass-through Program from Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant

16.523

Violent Crime/Drug Control & System Improvement System Block Grant

16.579

There were no prior year findings.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Jerry Jones District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District

State of Louisiana Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

We have audited the component unit financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 21, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's component unit financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances on noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the component unit financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be

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material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the component unit financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and the federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Monroe, Louisiana June 21, 2002



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Honorable Jerry Jones District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District State of Louisiana Parishes of Morehouse and Ouachita

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District with the types of compliance requirements described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2001. The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our

opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's compliance with those requirements.

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In our opinion, the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District, the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Monroe, Louisiana June 21, 2002



SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the component unit financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District.
- 2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
- 3. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District expresses an unqualified opinion on all major federal programs.

- 4. There were no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District.
- 5. The programs tested as major programs included: Child Support Enforcement, CFDA #93.563.
- 6. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$300,000.
- 7. The District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District qualified as a low-risk audit.

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

There were no findings.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

Questioned Costs

 U. S. Department of Health and Human Services: Pass-through Programs from: State Department of Social Services Child Support enforcement

93.563

None

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