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Case File Irregularities

Santa Ana, Calif. – During the ordinary course of performing her work in March 2015 a court clerk noticed irregularities in a particular case that was scheduled for hearing. She reported the irregularities to her supervisor, who further researched the matter. Within a day or two a report was run and we became aware of a pattern where it appeared that a large number of cases had irregular minutes, all of which appeared to be entered by a lone employee. We are still in the process of completing our own internal investigation to determine the scope of the problem, but it appears that this behavior began in 2010.

As we became aware of cases with potentially inaccurate minutes we have sent notices to the defendants of these impacted cases informing them of the potential problem and requiring them to return to court to ascertain the accuracy of the record in their cases. That process is ongoing, and we cannot comment on the status of any active case.

Once we became aware of the scope of this problem we alerted law enforcement. The employee suspected of entering these minutes is no longer employed by the Court.