

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2008

TO: Carol Cagno

FROM: Paul J. Spear, Investigator-In-Charge, Eastern Region

SUBJECT: Biography

EDUCATION: MS Degree in Criminal Justice with concentration in public administration, Marywood University, Scranton, PA, 1985

BA Degree in Criminal Justice, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 1974

EXPERIENCE: Law enforcement/investigative career of 30+ years started in 1974 upon graduation from college. Served 3 years with the US Army as a Special Agent for the US Army Criminal Investigation Command followed by a brief tenure as a police officer for the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax, VA. Employment with the Commonwealth of PA started in December 1978 and extends to the present with positions at the following agencies:

PA Crime Commission from December 1978- July 1994. Served as the Resident Agent-In-Charge, Northeast Regional Office. Career highlight consisted of being the lead agent in developing the case against former PA Attorney General Ernest Preate, Jr. which resulted in his resignation from office, arrest, and conviction on mail fraud charges. Honored as the Agent of the Year in 1992 for distinguished and exemplary performance.

PA Office of Inspector General from July 1994- June 2003. Served as a fraud investigator in the Bureau of Investigation, Prosecution and Recovery investigating welfare fraud.

PA State Ethics Commission from June 2003- March 2005. Served as a Senior Investigator responsible for conducting high profile investigations of violations of the State Ethics Act by elected officials and public employees.

PA Department of the Auditor General, Office of Special Investigations from March 2005 to the present. Currently serves as the Investigator-In-Charge for the eastern region of the state with offices in Philadelphia and Scranton. Responsible for investigations involving fraud and/or misuse of funds disseminated from the Commonwealth of PA. Received a letter of commendation from Auditor General Jack Wagner in 2006.

CERTIFICATION: Certified Fraud Examiner as of December 2007