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Report Highlights

Ouachita Parish Clerk of Court

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Why We Conducted This Audit

We initiated this audit after receiving a complaint from the Clerk's auditor, Quint Martin, CPA, of Cameron, Hines and Company, CPAs, regarding improper transfers to former Deputy Clerk Donald Ryder's PayPal account.

What We Found

Former Deputy Clerk Diverted Public Funds to Himself

Former Clerk of Court Deputy Clerk Donald J. Ryder, Jr. used an online money transfer system (PayPal) to divert \$344,226 of public funds from the Clerk of Court to himself from December 24, 2014 to October 10, 2018. By improperly transferring and receiving public funds he was not entitled to receive, Mr. Ryder may have violated state and federal law.

View the full report, including management's responses, at www.la.gov.