

FY09 STATITISTICS

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

PERSONNEL:

Sherrie Daigle, Investigator IV – Juneau
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CLOSED CASES AND PENALTIES ASSESSED:

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) closed a total of 326 cases in FY09. 40 cases were closed by issuance of a Decision and Order and 51 cases were closed by Stipulation. 235 cases were closed after investigation only. Total penalties assessed in FY09 \$4,550,794.26. This represented 46,226 uninsured employee work days.

Total penalties assessed by Decision and Order equated to 25,050 uninsured employee work days and \$4,493,047.12. Average daily fine assessed through Decision and Order was \$162.42.

Total penalties assessed through Stipulation equated to 21,176 uninsured employee work days and \$402,509.76. Average daily fine assessed through stipulation was \$24.88.

EMPLOYERS IN DEFAULT:

In FY09, 21 employers who were previously not making payments on assessed penalties or who had defaulted on their payments brought their accounts current or paid off their penalties. A total of \$41,803.13 in defaulted penalties was collected in FY09.

The following employers are in default on their assessed civil penalties and have made no attempt to contact the Division to establish a new payment plan. All have been sent to the Attorney General's Office for Collection. These employers represent \$3,741,164 in defaulted penalties:

Mammoth Music, Inc.	Talon Industries
We Bake, Inc.	Java Junction
Victorian Mortgage, LLC.	Alaska Calibration
Alaska Weather Associates	Sea Dawgs
Cooker, Inc.	Parfait Dix
ZW Pizza company	Soul Food of Alaska
Casa Grande, Inc.	Soprano's Pizza
Industrial Security Services, Inc.	Choice Mortgage, Inc.
Bear Bay Lodge, LLC	Hong Kong Wok Restaurant
Garden Montessori School	Saint Augustine Assisted Living Home
Espresso Express	Alaska Clear Water Spas

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The Division received 74 referrals for cases either through the Fraud Hot Line or through other tips to be investigated by the SIU. 5 cases were referred for prosecution, 3 were declined prosecution and 2 are still in the process. There were different prosecutors assigned to our division during FY09.

During FY09, the SIU began working very closely with Unemployment Insurance Investigators as well as Wage and Hour Investigators. In August we attended the Alaska State Fair in a joint effort with Wage and Hour and we distributed over 300 brochures to employers at the fair.

The SIU has increased visibility by conducting on-site visits to employers covering a wide range of industry. In October an investigator visited the city of Barrow for the first time and was able to open several cases after the visit. We have increased our on-site visits in the Palmer / Wasilla area as well as other areas in the State.

Our goals for the next year include hiring an additional investigator, progressing with criminal prosecution for those who commit violations of Alaska Statute 23, furthering our community education efforts as well as continuing to work with other investigative divisions around the State.



FY09 SIU Stats

FTI Cases Opened	FTI Cases Closed of those Opened in FY09	Total FTI Cases Closed During FY09	D&O's	Stip's	Total Unsuspended Penalties	Total Uninsured Days
120	66	328	42	50	\$ 4,471,941.26	49,557

D&O DETAILS

Ave. Daily Fine	Total Fine Assesed	Total Suspended Penalties	Uninsured Days	Unsuspened Penalties Assesed
\$179.70	\$4,514,492.12	\$319,747.47	29,094	\$4,194,744.65

STIP DETAILS

Ave. Daily Fine	Total Fine Assesed	Total Suspended Penalties	Uninsured Days	Unsuspened Penalties Assesed
\$25.28	\$395,346.76	\$118,150.15	20,463	\$277,196.61

Employers in Default

Total ER in Default	ER Paid in Full Post-Notice	Amount Collected	ER in Repayment	Sent to AG for Collection	Total Req. Collection	Total Req. - "We Bake Inc"
72	28	\$41,803.13	22	22	\$3,741,164.00	\$464,564.00

Non-FTI Cases

Total Non-FTI	Referred for Prosecution	Declined for Prosecution	Still in Process	Change in Prosecutors
74	5	3	2	3