

HOTLINE CASE

2007-5

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(Anonymous call to the Hotline)

Someone in Animal Control forged invoices for supplies at Lowe's.

Ethics Officer called Fred Forbes, head of Animal Control.

Only 2 people have signatory authority to get animal supplies at Lowe's.

He could add himself as a signatory, as head of the division, but had not at that time. There was an emergency and the 2 people who were signatories were not around so he went to Lowe's, got the supplies, and signed one of the names that was authorized. He agreed to put himself officially on the signatory list at Lowe's.

(According to General Counsel's office, this is no legal offense, since he had the authority to add himself as signatory, and did.)