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JOINT STATEMENT OF MUSCATINE COUNTY ATTORNEY ALAN R.
OSTERGRN AND MUSCATINE COUNTY SHERIFF C.J. RYAN ON AUDIT
REPORT RELEASED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

Today, November 17, 2016, the office of Iowa State Auditor Mary Mosiman released an audit report concerning operations at the Muscatine County Jail.

Potential irregularities were first discovered by Muscatine County Sheriff C.J. Ryan during his preparation for the FY2017 budget cycle. Sheriff Ryan determined that additional investigation was necessary to discover the scope and nature of the irregularities. The matter was referred to the Iowa State Auditor and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation for a complete investigation.

County Attorney Ostergren referred the matter to the office of the Iowa Attorney General for the consideration of any potential criminal charges based on the outcome of the state auditor/DCI investigation.

Assistant Jail Administrator Douglas Boulton was placed on administrative leave on January 11, 2016. His employment with Muscatine County was terminated on March 1, 2016.

The state auditor's report indicates that funds were taken over a period of three years. Sheriff Ryan has implemented procedures and internal controls to prevent similar theft from occurring.