

# North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation

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## **PUBLIC OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS**

# State Bureau of Investigation

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- The State Bureau of Investigation is a division of the N.C. Department of Justice. Based on request, the SBI assists local police and Sheriffs, district attorneys, federal investigators, and federal prosecutors with criminal investigations. The SBI has statewide jurisdiction.
- The SBI headquarters is located in Wake County, with field agents located in eight districts across North Carolina. Specialized investigators in financial crimes, computer crimes, Medicaid fraud, and other disciplines are located around the state.

# SBI Jurisdiction

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**The SBI has original jurisdiction in these areas:**

- **Drug Investigations**
- **Arson Investigations**
- **Election Law Violations**
- **Child Sexual Abuse in Day Care Centers**
- **Theft and Misuse of State Property**
- **Computer Crime Investigations that Involve Crimes Against Children**
- **Explosives**
- **Hazardous waste dumping**

# Case Initiation- Public Official Misconduct Investigations

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- Upon a valid request from a District Attorney, United States Attorney, or Judge, the SBI conducts investigations into public corruption and government official misconduct involving public officials, public agencies and law enforcement agency officials. These officials may include State Legislators, U.S. Congressmen, elected Members of the Council of State, Judges, District Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Police Chiefs.

# Public Official Misconduct Investigations

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- From July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2014, the State Bureau of Investigation has initiated 220 cases that have been coded as “Corruption” cases. These investigations have involved individuals who are in some official capacity in a position of public trust. These investigations have involved officials from different branches of local municipal, county and State government.

# TYPES OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS

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- 1. Conflict of Interest
- 2. Failure or Neglect to Perform Official Duties
- 3. Altering, Destroying, or Misappropriation of Evidence
- 4. Misuse of Position and/or Authority by Public Official
- 5. Misuse of Prisoners or Inmates
- 6. Obstruction of Justice
- 7. Embezzlement/Misuse of Funds by Public Official
- 8. Release or Misuse of Confidential Information
- 9. Bribery
- 10. Restraint of Trade (Bid Rigging)
- 11. Election Law Violations
- 12. Perjury/Subordination of Perjury

# Case Initiation – Financial Crimes

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- Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Judges, Special Prosecutions Section, Financial Crimes Resource Prosecutors, Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, and United States Attorneys.
- State Property Incident Reports (G.S. 114-15.1) which requires state agencies to report the theft, embezzlement, arson or misuse of any state property.
- Referrals from State Auditor's Office, Office of State Budget and Management, State Board of Elections or Office of the Inspector General.

# Financial Crimes Cases—July 1, 2009 to April 1, 2014

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- Total Cases opened by all Districts: 673  
(Federal, State, Local, Corporate & Private funds)
- Coded as “Embezzlement of local funds” 17
- Coded as “Fraud/False Pretense of local funds” 26
- Coded as “Embezzlement by public official” 23
  - Each SBI case may have multiple crime classifications



# Public Official Misconduct Investigations

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**Questions**

**Open Discussion**