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HOTELS NOT PAYING TAXES

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today released a report on an audit of Hotel-Motel Tax payments to the City.

The audit disclosed that 42% of the hotels did not report or under-reported rental revenues. Three of the hotels collected taxes but did not remit them to the City, a felony under Louisiana law. Sixty-two percent of the sampled hotels did not comply with the City Code. The hotels, collectively owe the City \$145,576 in taxes, penalties and interest.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The violations of criminal law were referred to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Office of Inspector General will expand these audits in 2011 and use additional methods to detect those evading Hotel-Motel Taxes. The additional tax agents the City is hiring will increase the City's ability to locate the cheats."

The report is attached to this press release. Other reports issued by the Office of Inspector General can be viewed and downloaded from the website at <http://www.nolaoig.org>.

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