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SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUDIT TARNISHED

The City of New Orleans Inspector General today filed a formal complaint with the Louisiana Ethics Commission against Albert "Joey" Richard III for conflict of interest and misrepresentation. A complaint was also made to the State Board of Certified Public Accountants of Louisiana.

Mr. Richard attested to his independence when he stated that the 2012 audit of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office complied with government auditing standards, which require the auditor to be free of impairments or perceived impairments to their independence. Mr. Richard is and has been the Sheriff's Campaign Treasurer for many years and has an indisputable conflict of interest.

Inspector General Ed Quatrevaux said, "The audit is compromised and cannot be relied upon. Mr. Richard should not have had any role in this audit."

The OIG will not make further comment until the Ethics Commission completes its review. 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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