



**Palm Beach County  
Office of Inspector General**

**Memorandum of Corrective Action**

**Date:** August 26, 2010  
**To:** Bob Weisman, County Administrator  
**From:** Sheryl G. Steckler,<sup>SGS</sup> Inspector General  
**Re:** OIG Case #: 2010-0003  
Juan Valencia  
Code Enforcement Officer

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On July 16, 2010, an allegation concerning Mr. Valencia accepting payment for closing county code violations prematurely was sent to our office by Barbara Alterman, Director of Planning, Zoning and Buildings. Upon review of the information and preliminary investigation, this case was coordinated for possible criminal violations with the State Attorney's office.

It was alleged that Juan Valencia while working in his official capacity as a Palm Beach County Code Enforcement Officer solicited \$1,000 from a Palm Beach County resident who was in violation of certain Palm Beach County Codes. In exchange for the \$1,000 solicited by Valencia, he falsified Palm Beach County Code Enforcement records by improperly closing out the violation. Valencia was arrested on August 11, 2010 and charged with one count of Bribery By a Public Servant F.S. 838.015 (1) 2F and one count of Official Misconduct F.S. 383.022 3F.

According to the Probable Cause Affidavit filed in this case, when interviewed by representatives of the State Attorney's Office Public Corruption Task Force, Mr. Valencia confessed to committing the violations.

**Recommended Corrective Action: Take appropriate corrective personnel action.**

**Cc:** Verdenia Baker, Deputy County Administrator  
Barbara Alterman, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building  
Wayne Condry, Human Resource Director  
State Attorney Michael McAuliffe  
Board of County Commissioners  
Commission on Ethics