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State Auditor Colón Announces Results of Albuquerque Police Department Special Audit

*Auditor Colón announces the results of
APD Overtime Practices Special Audit*

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – This morning State Auditor Colón announced the results of the special audit regarding overtime practices by the City of Albuquerque (“City”) Albuquerque Police Department (APD). The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) designated the special audit as a result of allegations of abuse of police overtime and a disregard of APD procedures. Auditor Colón issued the following statement on the matter:

“Continued failure to provide oversight, monitoring and accountability has resulted in abuse and contributed to the public’s mistrust. This special audit is one of at least seven reports on concerning practices at APD that must be corrected. Residents of Albuquerque deserve better and it’s long overdue,” said Auditor Colón. “The City and APD must not waste any time in implementing the identified opportunities for improvement.”

The special audit was designated after the OSA received allegations that the City and APD failed to take action following calls from the Civilian Police Oversight Agency to address concerns regarding APD’s failure to follow its own overtime policies.

“The results of the special audit highlight a pattern of inadequate oversight from the City and APD to address years’ worth of findings and recommendations, which is necessary to fix and prevent the issues reported,” concluded Auditor Colon.

While the City’s Internal Audit Department has since begun developing an internal report of all open audits and unresolved findings, this was not in place during the period covered by this special audit. A severe breakdown and lack of internal controls is noted throughout the results of the special audit, which has resulted in a fractured tone at the top and damaged the organizational culture as a whole.

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