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CID Conducts Fraud Awareness Briefings

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The Yap State Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) Compliance Investigation Division (CID) completed its first fraud awareness briefings. The sessions, which were open to the general public and held from October 8 through 12, included presentations to schools and Yap State Government officials and employees of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

Designed to heighten fraud awareness, the sessions provided information about what constitutes fraud, how it impacts government operations, and how and where to report suspicious activity that relates to financial crime. Conducted by Sophia Pretrick, the Chief of CID, and investigator Leelkan Southwick, the briefings provided an opportunity to meet the CID investigators and learn about the investigative process and how they handle fraud tips and complaints received from concerned citizens.



The OPA hopes to encourage the public and those in government service to be more vigilant in recognizing and reporting fraud. OPA's role in promoting transparency and accountability in government programs and activities are crucial to the public in understanding how government resources are used. More than 200 individuals took part in the briefings. Participants rated the sessions positively, indicating these should be conducted more often.

Top - CID meets with government officials, Bottom - CID meets with school students

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