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Pernes Samuel Earns Professional Certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner at the National OPA

On November 12, 2013 Investigator <u>Pernes Samuel</u> successfully completed the rigorous Association of Certified Fraud Examiner's exam and received the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation the following day. This accomplishment is a testament of Pernes' dedication and determination to become an aspiring fraud investigator and to set a good example for his co-workers.

With the support and encouragement from the management of the National OPA and staff, Pernes has reached an important milestone in his career and fulfilled one of the goals highlighted in the National OPA's Strategic Plan which is to "*enhance the staff capabilities to attain high standard competency*".

For a small office like ours, it has always been a significant reason for the office to acknowledge the accomplishment of a staff member's hard work and dedication in accomplishing his/her professional certification in the audit and/or investigation professions. With the most recent accomplishment of Pernes' CFE designation, the National OPA has a reason to celebrate.

Pernes is from Dien, Kitti in Pohnpei who has been with the Compliance Investigation Division of the National OPA for about two years. He has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Again, congratulations to Mr. Pernes Samuel, CFE, who is now one of the four active fraud investigators in the FSM with the internationally recognized and respected CFE designation.

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