Sheriff’s office DWI fund spending under scrutiny

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SANTA FE – State Auditor Tim Keller announced April 6 that the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) is examining allegations of financial “irregularities” in the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office. The special examination is focused on the potential misuse of DWI prevention program funds by the Sheriff’s office from 2010 to 2014.

“The Office of the State Auditor is looking into the past financial affairs of the Sheriff’s Office in McKinley County to address allegations of public funds being misused and to ensure that the proper financial controls are in place moving forward,” Keller stated, in a press release. “I would like to thank current officials for their cooperation and for working closely with our investigators on the ground in McKinley County.”

Keller sent a team of investigators to McKinley County to conduct fact-finding procedures after the current county administration was notified of the examination.

Sheriff’s office spokesman Lt. James Maiorano said he’s not privy to what the investigation entails at this time as the department has several funding sources for DWI prevention.

When complete, the results of the state auditor’s examination will be released on the OSA website at www.osanm.org.