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Re: File ID No.: 2011-111, Date of Report February 8, 2012

Dear Mr. Meyer:

On June 2, 2011, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) forwarded a complaint to the Office of the Ohio Inspector General (OIG) alleging that the ODRC Enforcement Unit exceeded their authority by detaining four suspects on private property on May 27, 2011. On February 8, 2012, the OIG issued its Report of Investigation wherein it concluded that there was reasonable cause to believe that wrongful acts occurred.

The OIG made recommendations to ODRC and asked ODRC to respond within 60 days with a plan detailing how the recommendations will be implemented. The recommendations were as follows:

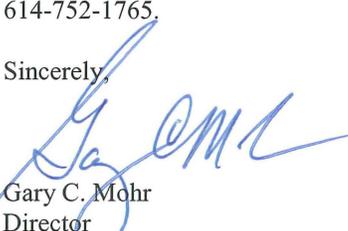
1. Review the actions of the involved employees and determine if their conduct warrants further administrative action.
2. Review existing policies and procedures with members of the ODRC Enforcement Unit and develop unit-specific policies for the ODRC Enforcement Unit that addresses its authority, including jurisdictional boundaries. Employees should read, acknowledge, and sign the existing policies of the agencies and their department. New and revised policies should also be read, acknowledged and signed.

ODRC hereby reports that an administrative investigation has been conducted by ODRC to review the actions of the employees involved. The report is currently being reviewed to determine what, if any, discipline will be issued to those involved.

The Enforcement Unit was initially ordered to "stand down" pending the investigation conducted by the OIG and was disbanded in September 2011. Recently a committee was assigned to review existing policies and procedures and determine whether a modified function should be performed by the Enforcement Unit. If so, the committee will develop appropriate policies and procedures to ensure that such a unit's authority, including jurisdictional boundaries, are clearly established.

If ODRC may provide further clarification or assistance to the OIG regarding this matter, please contact Chief Counsel Greg Trout at 614-752-1765.

Sincerely,


Gary C. Mohr
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April 26, 2012

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Re: Report of Investigation 2011-111

Dear Inspector General Meyer:

The Ohio Department of Public Safety has reviewed your report of investigation and your subsequent recommendations. Following is a summary of our response to those recommendations.

1. Review the actions of the involved employees and determine if their conduct warrants further administrative action.

RESPONSE: An administrative investigation was initiated, and as a result, the appropriate training and disciplinary action will be taken.

2. Ensure that individuals assigned to ODRC institutions understand the jurisdictional boundaries and the authority of those with whom they work closely and rely on for intelligence related to possible criminal activity.

RESPONSE: The Highway Patrol's communication process has been modified, and in turn strengthened, to disseminate important communication among Command and Investigative staff to avoid any further issues.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. Charles, Director
Ohio Department of Public Safety

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