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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL CALLS ON THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO STEP UP POLICY IN WAKE OF INVESTIGATION
Columbus, Ohio, October 8, 2013

The inspector general issued a report of investigation today finding wrongful conduct by an employee at the Ohio Department of Transportation. The investigation found Debra Speakman was engaged in operating a personal business as a notary public. Speakman used the state's equipment and resources, and conducted the business during days and times she was at work for the state of Ohio.

The investigation was initiated by the inspector general after the Ohio Department of Transportation received an anonymous complaint alleging Speakman's wrongful activity.

In the past, the inspector general has issued reports of investigation finding similar wrongful abuses by transportation department employees in 2008, and again in 2012. In each instance the inspector general asked the department to implement policy changes to resolve the problem. The department director last agreed to make changes to the agency's secondary employment policy in a written response made to the inspector general in April 2012.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2013-CA00020 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2013Investigations.aspx>

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