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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES TIMEKEEPING PRACTICES OF OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

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The inspector general issued a report of investigation today initiated after an anonymous complaint was received alleging Ohio Consumers' Counsel Bruce Weston was only in the state agency's office a few hours each week. The complainant further alleged Weston had reported working during irregular hours, such as midnight to 3:00 a.m.

The investigation found Weston's practices in documenting work timekeeping records were contrary to the policies set forth by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Weston's actions provided the inspector general a reasonable cause to believe wrongful acts or omissions occurred.

The report of investigation contained a number of recommendations, and was delivered to the chairman of the governing board of the Ohio Consumers' Council. The inspector general has asked the chairman to respond within 60 days with a plan outlining how the recommendations will be implemented.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00014 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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