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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
EMPLOYEE OPERATING PRIVATE BUSINESS
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation launched after the office received an anonymous complaint alleging an employee at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio was operating a downtown Columbus parking lot during days and times when he was being paid to work for the state of Ohio.

Investigators found John Georgiadis, a utilities specialist with over 30 years of employment with the state of Ohio, was engaged in arranging vehicle parking in several locations, and collecting payments from the individuals while at work. For one surface parking lot, Georgiadis collected monthly payments for spaces rented out to individual monthly parking tenants. In turn, a person identifying himself as an owner of the surface lot told the inspector general he received a \$3,000 portion of the parking fees each month from Georgiadis.

The evidence showed Georgiadis used the government's resources and equipment, and was conducting business related to the parking lot while collecting pay for claiming to be at work for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00034 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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