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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
EMPLOYEE WITH OUTSIDE SECURITY JOB
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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation today that was initiated after officials at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources levied a number of allegations against a former state park manager.

Investigators found Victor Ricks had attended to matters involving his secondary employment providing security at the Lancaster Festival during days and times when Ricks was paid to be at work for the state of Ohio. The inspector general also discovered Ricks used his state-issued vehicle for personal travel, and excessively used the state's email system and other communication resources for personal purposes.

The report of investigation has been delivered to the director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the inspector general has asked for a response to a number of recommendations within 60 days.

The inspector general has also delivered the report of investigation to the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney and the Ohio Department of Public Safety (Private Investigator Security Guard Services) for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00063 is now available at <http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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