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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES PAROLE OFFICERS' VIOLATION OF HOLD POLICY  
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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation initiated after the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction provided a series of complaints alleging violations of agency policy by several parole officers at the Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

The investigation found parole officers were permitting parolees who had been arrested for a presumed parole violation to be held in correctional facilities beyond the timeframes allowed under the Ohio Adult Parole Authority policy. Parole officers were failing to comply with the 20-business-day window of time limiting when the Ohio Adult Parole Authority could hold a parole violation hearing or impose sanctions against the parole violator. The inspector general also found the parole officers were failing to effectively monitor the custodial status of the parolees to remove unnecessary orders of hold, barring a parolee's release.

The inspector general determined there was a reasonable cause to believe a wrongful act or omission had occurred and asked the director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to respond to two recommendations within 60 days.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2015-CA00015 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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