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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION SHOWS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SURVEYOR RAN SIDE BUSINESS
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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 Transportation alleged an employee was using state resources to conduct outside business activities while being paid to work for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The inspector general found Robert Schell, a state-licensed surveyor employed at the District 10 office in Marietta, was engaged in work involving his own personal survey business during days and times he claimed to be at work for the Ohio Department of Transportation. Administrators found Schell was using the agency's large format printer to produce maps unrelated to the state's business. The inspector general's preliminary analysis of Schell's work computer revealed 40 documents involving Schell's personal surveying business.

An employee for more than 30 years with the Ohio Department of Transportation, personnel records showed Schell was terminated for a similar problem involving his personal surveying business back in 1997.

Last year, on the day the inspector general conducted an interview with Schell, he resigned from his position of employment with the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2015-CA00024 is now available at <http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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