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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE  
ENGAGED IN IMPROPER TIMEKEEPING PRACTICES  
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after investigating an anonymous complaint alleging that James Barna, ODOT chief engineer and assistant director for Transportation Policy, was arriving late to and leaving early from work.

During the course of the investigation, investigators reviewed payroll records, door access records, surveillance videos, and conducted interviews. Analysis of the information revealed a 22-hour discrepancy between the times Barna reported working and Barna's actual entrance and exit times that could be confirmed by a review of door access records and video surveillance.

The Office of the Inspector General found Barna violated policies requiring employees to use timekeeping devices to report time, for failing to record accurate start and end times, and for permitting another employee to enter his time into the timekeeping system.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00041 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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