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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS INMATES BUILT 28 COMPUTERS FROM PARTS CONTRARY TO STATE POLICY
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) regarding contraband found in the Marion Correctional Institution. This investigation stemmed from remediation efforts recommended by the Inspector General in a previously issued report, 2015-CA00043, involving inmates who were building computers from parts diverted from an institution recycling program.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General determined that the computers were not acquired in accordance with Ohio Department of Administrative Services policies and lacked standard configuration and security requirements. In addition, the computers were found to contain thousands of pirated movies and songs as well as illegally duplicated software.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Marion County Prosecuting Attorney and the Ohio Auditor of State for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00032 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2018investigations.aspx>

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2015-CA00043 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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