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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
EMPLOYEE MISUSED STATE COMPUTER TO AID HUSBAND'S BUSINESS  
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) alleging Transportation Manager 3 Shannon Hitt improperly used her state-issued computer to assist her husband in his for-profit business.

The Ohio Inspector General investigation determined that Shannon Hitt used her state computer to create spreadsheets related to her husband's trucking business that included inventory information and annual costs for items such as fuel, permits, repairs, supplies, and other business-related items. The Ohio Inspector General found that Hitt committed a wrongful act for violating ODOT policy which prohibits performing work and using ODOT equipment for personal profit.

Shannon Hitt was the subject of similar ODOT internal investigations in 2010 and 2014.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2017-CA00043 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2018investigations.aspx>

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