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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION LEADS TO THE INDICTMENT OF A STATE EMPLOYEE FOR THEFT IN OFFICE AND TAMPERING WITH RECORDS
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Former Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT) employee Lisa Navarro was indicted today by a Franklin County Grand Jury for theft in office, tampering with records, and unauthorized use of property. Navarro was employed by OTPTAT as an investigation supervisor prior to her transfer to the Ohio Department of Health in December 2018.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint alleging that Navarro was conducting secondary employment using state equipment during times she was paid to perform work for the State of Ohio. Investigators conducted a forensic analysis of Navarro's computer and reviewed records obtained by subpoenas and determined Navarro had spent over 150 hours conducting work on secondary employment for Continental Home Health Care (CHHC) at the same time she was paid by the State.

Once Navarro discovered that she was being investigated, she requested from CHHC a copy of the subpoena issued to the company. Upon receipt of a copy of the subpoena, Navarro altered 14 previously submitted state timesheets in an apparent attempt to conceal hours she had worked on her secondary employment while being paid by OTPTAT.

The report contains two recommendations to OTPTAT.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00003 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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