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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION EMPLOYEE FRAUDULENTLY RECEIVED UNPAID SERVICES FOR HER PETS
Columbus, Ohio, August 30, 2018

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after investigating a complaint received from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction alleging that an audit discovered monies were unaccounted for from an industrial arts activity account held at the Northeast Reintegration Center (NERC).

A joint investigation conducted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Office of the Inspector General confirmed that \$690 for pet services received were not paid for by Financial Associate Jennifer Bouch. Reservation slips confirmed that Bouch brought her pets to work as part of a dog day care program operated at NERC but failed to submit cash payments for the services. When interviewed, Bouch admitted to receiving the services and for completing fictitious receipts. After the interview, Bouch made full payment for the unpaid services.

On August 14, 2018, Jennifer Bouch was indicted by a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury for theft.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00010 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2018investigations.aspx>

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