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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
EMPLOYEE CREATED FALSE DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
Columbus, Ohio, October 3, 2018

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Department of Commerce on July 2, 2018, alleging that an employee in the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing submitted questionable pay stubs to the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services (FCDJFS) as part of an application for benefits.

The Office of the Inspector General conducted a forensic analysis of the subject's computer and determined that she had accessed a pay stub generator program using her state computer, created false pay stubs, and submitted them to FCDJFS using her state email address to obtain financial assistance. The subject was interviewed by investigators and admitted to creating the false documents and sending them to FCDJFS.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney and the Columbus City Attorney for consideration.

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

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