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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS AN ODOT SUPERVISOR HAD A CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH MOTHER'S COMPANY, AND ALONG WITH ANOTHER ODOT SUPERVISOR, INTIMIDATED ODOT EMPLOYEES COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATION
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The Office of the Ohio Inspector General investigated an anonymous complaint alleging that Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 11 Sourcing Supervisor Scott Bates improperly participated in managing ODOT purchases and invoices from Beagle Hill Services, a company owned by his mother.

Investigators determined that Bates violated ODOT policies and had a conflict of interest based on his job duties with ODOT because he did not completely remove himself from the purchasing and approval process related to ODOT's business dealings with his mother's company, as required by law.

The investigation further determined that Scott Bates and his supervisor, Chad Cline, attempted to intimidate ODOT employees who were cooperating with investigators during this investigation.

The report of investigation contains recommendations to ODOT as well as referrals to the Tuscarawas County Prosecuting Attorney and the Ohio Ethics Commission for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00047 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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