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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO STATE COSMETOLOGY AND BARBER BOARD EMPLOYEE SUBMITTED FALSIFIED TIMESHEETS
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In August 2019, the Office of the Ohio Inspector General initiated an investigation after receiving a referral from the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board alleging that Cosmetology Inspector/Scheduler Paula Samples was not present at work during days and times she claimed to be working for the State of Ohio.

In furtherance of the investigation, the Office of the Ohio Inspector General interviewed witnesses including Samples, reviewed Samples' signed timesheets, building entry and exit swipe records, elicense log-in history, approved leave history, and emails and text messages regarding requests for leave time. The investigation revealed that during a seven-month period, Samples failed to accurately report her hours worked on 30 separate days, resulting in her being improperly compensated in the amount of \$7,203 in wages she did not earn.

The report of investigation includes five recommendations and has been referred to the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2019-CA00031 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2020investigations.aspx>

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