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RE: IG File No. 2014-CA00012

On November 25, 2014 we received correspondence from the Inspector General's Office regarding an allegation that had been made concerning Lebanon Correctional Institution Warden Ernie Moore and Correction Training Officer Bradley Hillard. Specifically, it was alleged that Warden Moore directed Training Officer Hillard to falsify the spring of 2013 firearms in-service records. The allegation stated that staff members at the Lebanon Correctional Institution received four hours of training credit that was not actually performed.

In response to this matter, a review of the Inspector General's Report was initiated regarding the issues surrounding the allegations made against Warden Moore and Bradley Hillard. It was found that the Inspector General's Office found "no reasonable cause to believe that a wrongful act or omission occurred" as it relates to Warden Ernie Moore and Bradley Hillard knowingly falsifying firearms in-service records. In fact, the Inspector General's Office found that Moore and Hillard were following the direction of the Corrections Training Academy Superintendent Tracy Reveal. Furthermore, it was found that the recording errors for the firearm training "seemingly represented a lack of understanding by staff on how to record earned training hours rather than deliberate acts of falsification."

Based on their findings, the Inspector General's Office made a recommendation that "the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction should consider reviewing the training records of the correction officers who participated in the FY2013 spring firearms recertification session and adjust the training hours to more accurately reflect the actual time the officers spent engaged in the training."

After speaking with Correction Training Academy Superintendent Tracy Reveal, it was determined that this was an isolated error at the Lebanon Correctional Institution. Furthermore, Ms. Reveal mentioned that it would be more difficult at the present time to determine the actual time that was spent on the range for FY2013. Ms. Reveal mentioned that there are Regional Training Officers that are currently in place to ensure that this type of error in computing training hours does not occur again. Lastly, it was found that the hours in question were additional hours offered for firearms and were not part of the FY2013 in-service training and did not count toward the mandatory hours for in-service training. They were simply additional hours.

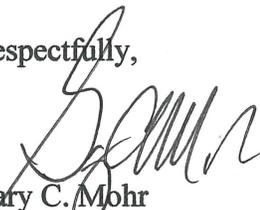
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In reviewing all of the information it is being recommended that no further action be deemed necessary as it relates to IG File No. 2014-CA00012.

Respectfully,



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Director

Cc: John R. Kasich, Governor, State of Ohio