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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES ABUSE OF IT NETWORK, PIRACY OF COPYRIGHTED MEDIA BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EMPLOYEE
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Ohio Inspector General Randall Meyer issued a report of investigation today finding an employee at the Ohio Department of Health circumvented security measures to exploit the state government's digital network, and engaged in the pirating of copyright-protected media over the Internet.

The investigation began with a complaint received from Viacom Inc., which identified an Internet address owned by the state of Ohio being used to transfer television programs under copyright. The inspector general's investigation has implicated Edward Jones Jr., an information technology employee at the Ohio Department of Health.

The Ohio Inspector General's Computer Forensics Unit found Jones compromised the security safeguards on the Ohio Department of Health computer network to engage in the illegal transfer of thousands of movies, television shows, and comic books by using torrenting and file-sharing websites.

The inspector general has forwarded the report to local and federal prosecuting authorities.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2012-CA00027 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2013Investigations.aspx>

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