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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES IMPROPER RECORDS ACCESS AT OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation which was initiated after a complaint was received from the Ohio Department of Commerce. Agency officials expressed concerns about the improper access of secure database records by an employee in the Division of Unclaimed Funds.

Ohio Department of Commerce officials filed the complaint after Bradley Long, an account examiner supervisor, told superiors about the research he had performed to see if certain unclaimed funds belonged to a fellow employee. However, Long explained he performed the research even though the fellow employee had never authorized the search by submitting a request for the unclaimed funds. Long further admitted to initiating many searches in the secure database records involving the names of numerous individuals who had not filed a request for unclaimed funds, contrary to agency protocols.

Two weeks after being interviewed by investigators, Long submitted his resignation from employment at the Ohio Department of Commerce.

The report of investigation will be provided to the Columbus City Attorney for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00018 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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