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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN INDICTMENT OF OHIO NATIONAL  
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation today which resulted in a two-count indictment by the Franklin County Grand Jury earlier this week. Ohio National Guard Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason Edwards was indicted for theft in office and tampering with records.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the Office of the Ohio Inspector General and the Ohio State Highway Patrol after a complaint was received from the Ohio Adjutant General's Department. The department command alleged Edwards was submitting false claims for reimbursement for travel expenses while participating in Ohio National Guard military funeral honors duty. Investigators found evidence to show Edwards submitted reimbursement claims for more than 100 times when he was not actively engaged in military funeral honors duty.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00066 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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