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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS STATE CONSUMER FINANCE EXAMINER'S CONDUCT
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation today initiated after a complaint was received from the Ohio Department of Commerce involving the actions of an employee assigned to perform compliance examinations of pawn shops.

The investigation confirmed a consumer finance examiner had made purchases at a Port Clinton pawn shop during the three days she spent performing an examination. While the agency's policy does not prohibit examiners from making purchases at pawn shops, the inspector general determined the examiner's conduct, while engaged in an official capacity, gave an appearance of impropriety.

The inspector general has asked the director of the Ohio Department of Commerce to respond to two recommendations within 60 days.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation File Number 2015-CA00037 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2016Investigations.aspx>

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