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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS INMATES IMPROPERLY PERMITTED TO PURCHASE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee regarding a flyer that was posted at Belmont Correctional Institution offering inmates 100 hours of community service credit for every \$1 donation made to a charity as chosen by Warden Michele Miller.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General determined that inmates were being awarded excessive community service credit, in violation of agency policies, for work that was not “productive and meaningful,” for donations made to a charity of the warden’s choice, and for various purchases made during food sales.

After becoming aware of the Inspector General investigation, Warden Miller made attempts to alter and significantly reduce inmate community service hours in the tracking system.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office, Ohio Ethics Commission, and the Supreme Court of Ohio for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00001 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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