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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
EMPLOYEE CAMPED FOR FREE
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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation today involving an anonymous complaint alleging an Ohio Department of Natural Resources employee parked his family's recreational vehicle for months at a campsite at Stonelick State Park, free of charge.

The investigation looked into the actions of Mark Penn, a natural resources worker who had the responsibility of collecting rent from other campsite guests at Stonelick State Park. The evidence showed Penn had either not made rent payments for campsites he occupied, or gave himself substantial discounts. A few days after explaining his actions to investigators, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources received a payment of nearly \$2,500 from Penn for what Penn described as 92 days of unpaid rent, and 31 instances of unpaid discounted rent.

The report of investigation will be provided to the Clermont County Prosecuting Attorney and the Ohio Ethics Commission for further consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2014-CA00072 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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