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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS ADULT PAROLE AUTHORITY OFFICER  
IMPROPERLY USED OFFICIAL POSITION TO AID RELEASE OF OFFENDER  
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The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a complaint from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction alleging that Parole Officer Andrew Bernier used his position to facilitate the release of an offender, who was not under his supervision, from the Montgomery County jail.

The joint investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General and Ohio State Highway Patrol determined that Bernier, while on disability leave, made phone calls and visits to the inmate in jail; contacted a drug and alcohol treatment center to secure a bed for the inmate; and convinced a judge to issue an order to release the inmate to the officer, even though the inmate was not currently under the officer's supervision.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2016-CA00030 is now available at:  
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2017investigations.aspx>

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