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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EMPLOYEE WAS PAID WHILE MARKETING AND SELLING COSMETICS
Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 2018

The Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after receiving a referral from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) alleging employee Stacy Ludwig was performing outside employment while on state time.

Investigators reviewed Ludwig's state laptop computer, internet browsing history, and state email account activity to confirm that she was misusing time and resources, facilities, and personnel to further her outside employment. In addition, investigators recovered numerous photos and videos from Ludwig's state laptop that were posted on her personal social media accounts promoting the sale of cosmetic products. Records were also subpoenaed from Limelight by Alcone, a cosmetic company, that showed commission payments received by Ludwig and confirmed that she worked on numerous customer orders during hours she claimed to be working for the State of Ohio.

The Office of the Inspector General found reasonable cause to believe that a wrongful act occurred based on violations of ODE policies requiring employees to report secondary employment, and for misuse of state resources for outside employment.

The report of investigation has been sent to the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office, the City of Columbus Prosecuting Attorney, and the Ohio Ethics Commission for consideration.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00014 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2018investigations.aspx>

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