



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2009-05-0093

October 29, 2009

IWM COMPUTER USE & GHOST EMPLOYMENT II

Inspector General Staff Attorney Todd Shumaker, after an investigation by Special Agent Chuck Coffin, reports as follows:

In the course of investigating another case, 2009-04-0082, Special Agent Chuck Coffin of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) discovered what appeared to be violations of Code of Ethics rules 42 IAC 1-5-12 (use of state property) and 42 IAC 1-5-13 (ghost employment), by an employee with the Indiana War Memorials. Specifically, the employee's email and computer use records showed that he had used his state-issued computer to send and receive inappropriate emails, visit unauthorized sexually explicit websites, view sexually explicit and pornographic images and videos, and store personal photographs. In addition, the employee's computer use records and attendance reports reflected that he routinely engaged in these types of activities during working hours for the state.

At its monthly meeting on June 11, 2009, the State Ethics Commission (SEC) found that probable cause supported the alleged violations and advised the OIG to proceed with its investigation into the matters.

On August 3, 2009, a settlement agreement was approved by the SEC which found the respondent in violation of the rules and issued a fine against the respondent in the amount of \$1,200. The respondent retired from state employment in May of 2009.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2009.

APPROVED BY:



David O. Thomas, Inspector General