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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **OIG Finds DPS Employee Misused County Time**

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Memorandum of Investigation, <u>Alleged Misuse of County Time and Unauthorized Outside Employment by DPS Field Supervisor</u>, detailing the results of an OIG investigation into allegations that a Department of Permitting Services field supervisor engaged in outside employment during work hours and was absent without taking the requisite leave. The investigation was predicated on a complaint to the OIG's hotline.

The investigation found that the subject performed work for private businesses without Ethics Commission approval but found no evidence that this work occurred during County work hours. The subject also subsequently admitted to attending approximately eight medical appointments during work hours without taking leave.

The County's Ethics Law requires employees who wish to engage in outside employment to first obtain approval from the Ethics Commission. Additionally, County personnel regulations require that employees devote all working hours to the performance of their official duties and take the appropriate leave to do otherwise.

In response to this investigation, the County's Chief Administrative Officer provided that DPS leadership would reinforce compliance with applicable County policies and requirements across the department.

## Read the full report.

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