



MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR EDUCATION

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | CASE 23-0003-I

Findings Regarding the Wicomico County Public Schools System Support Staff Submitting Fraudulent Employment Hours for Non-Worked Services.

The OIGE received a complaint alleging that a Wicomico County Public Schools (WCPS) support staff employee had submitted fraudulent payroll hours and received compensation from the school system. The allegation further alleged that the employee signed in using an electronic application from an off-site location, but wasn't working when they made the claim.

The OIGE conducted a preliminary investigation into this allegation. Following our initial review, the OIGE notified the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office of possible criminal activity pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article §9.10-104(h).

The Wicomico County Sheriff's Office conducted a full investigation of this allegation, resulting in criminal charges filed in the Circuit Court of Maryland by the Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office.

The OIGE refers all questions regarding this matter to the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office and the Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office.

Unless otherwise noted, the OIGE applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether local school system personnel have committed misconduct.