



INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Lori Torres, Inspector General

INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

OFFICE: INDIANA STATE POLICE (ISP); INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (INDOT)
TITLE: ISP ASSIST; INDOT THEFT
CASE ID: 2020-08-0270
DATE: January 5, 2021

*Inspector General Staff Attorney Kelly Elliott, after an investigation by Inspector General
Director of Investigations, Mark Mitchell, reports as follows:*

The Indiana General Assembly charged the Office of the Indiana Inspector General (OIG) with addressing fraud, waste, abuse and wrongdoing in executive branch agencies of state government. Ind. Code §4-2-7-2(b). The OIG also investigates allegations of criminal activity and Code of Ethics violations within state government. Ind. Code §4-2-7-3. The OIG also assists other law enforcement efforts and coordinates investigations. Ind. Code §4-2-7-3.

In August 2020, the OIG received notice from the Indiana State Police (ISP) that state-issued property was stolen from an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) satellite office located in Marion County. The OIG opened an investigation to assist ISP with an investigation into the allegations.

OIG Director of Investigations, Mark Mitchell, assisted ISP with the investigation. Director Mitchell learned that on August 15, 2020, ISP was dispatched to a report of a burglary at the

INDOT satellite office. ISP discovered that a state-issued vehicle and laptop computer were stolen from the office.

On August 16, 2020, ISP located the stolen state-issued vehicle through use of the GPS tracking device maintained within it. The vehicle had damage to the front bumper and mirrors, and its catalytic converters were removed. ISP did not locate the stolen laptop computer in the vehicle. ISP later returned the vehicle to INDOT.

Later in the day on August 16, 2020, a local law enforcement agency (LEA) responded to a burglary at the same INDOT satellite office. Responding officers detained a suspect on the grounds and identified him as Gary Vibbert, Jr. The LEA arrested Vibbert and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office criminally charged Vibbert with burglary and attempted theft (49G03-2008-F5-025834) for the August 16, 2020 incident. The Marion County Prosecutor's Office also criminally charged Vibbert for the burglary and theft of the state-issued vehicle and laptop computer that occurred August 15, 2020 (49G03-2009-F5-027707). Vibbert is not a state officer, employee or special state appointee.

ISP requested that the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) assist in locating the stolen laptop computer through use of the tracking software in the device. IOT identified the laptop computer's location and provided this information to ISP. ISP identified the laptop computer's location at a residence. ISP secured and executed a search warrant for the residence and located the laptop computer.¹ ISP took possession of the laptop computer and returned it to the State.

Vibbert has been criminally charged in relation to the burglaries. Furthermore, the stolen state property was returned to the State, and ISP has closed its investigation into this matter.

¹ ISP identified two individuals as possibly residing at the residence. Director Mitchell determined that neither individual is a state officer, employee or special state appointee. The Marion County Prosecutor's Office has not criminally charged either individual for receiving the stolen laptop computer.

Director Mitchell did not find any evidence to suggest that a state officer, employee or special state appointee was involved in the burglary of the INDOT satellite office or theft of state property. As a result, the OIG is closing this matter.

Dated: January 5, 2020

APPROVED BY:

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