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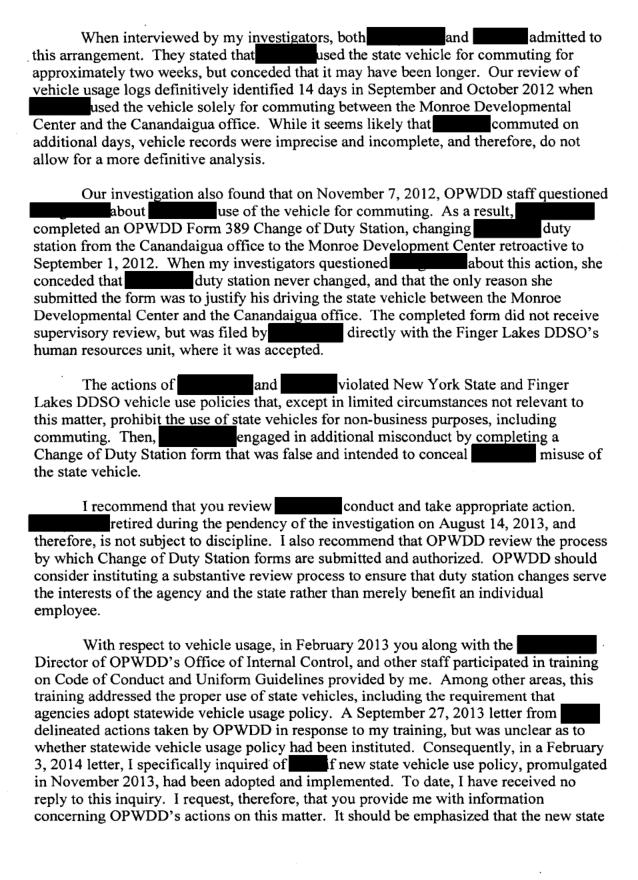
Kerry A. Delaney Acting Commissioner New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities 44 Holland Avenue Albany, New York 12229

RE: NYS IG 0874-031-2013

Dear Acting Commissioner Delaney:

61 BROADWAY, SUITE 2100 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10006 (212) 635-3150

My office received a complaint alleging that Office of People With
Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
improperly used a state vehicle to commute between his home and his duty station. I an writing to advise you of the results of our investigation of this matter.
During the period relevant to this matter,
in the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Service Office
(DDSO) in Rochester. In this position, supervised
assigned to the Monroe Developmental Center in Rochester and the Finger
Lakes DDSO office in Canandaigua. is assigned to the Canandaigua office.
Our investigation revealed that in September 2012,
broke down. advised advised of this situation, and she gave him permission
to use a state vehicle to commute to work. As resided in Rochester near the
Monroe Developmental Center, he walked to that facility, retrieved a state vehicle and drove to the Canandaigua office, a distance of approximately 26 miles. At the end of hi shift, he returned the vehicle to the Monroe Developmental Center and walked home.
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prohibition on personal use of state vehicles and the requirement that detailed vehicle use logs be maintained.
Further, as use of a state vehicle for commuting constituted a taxable benefit, OPWDD should ensure that this benefit is properly calculated and reported to the appropriate taxing authorities.
In addition, during our investigation we noted that many of the timesheets submitted by the in the Canandaigua office were unsigned by the officers and their supervisor. OPWDD should take steps to ensure that timesheets in the Canandaigua office are properly completed, reviewed, and signed as required.
It is requested that within 45 days you advise this office of any actions or decisions taken in response to these recommendations. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,

Catherine Leahy Scott Inspector General

policy contains provisions directly relevant to the findings of this investigation: the

cc: New York State Department of Taxation and Finance