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### **Former State Military Department Employee James Liss Pays \$5,500 Penalty to Resolve Ethics Charges**

**Hartford** – The Connecticut Office of State Ethics announced today that former State Military Department employee James Liss of Windsor Locks, Connecticut settled allegations that he violated the use-of-office provisions of the Code of Ethics by paying a civil penalty totaling \$5,500 for:

- using his access to state gasoline to obtain gasoline for his personal use
- using a state vehicle for his personal use
- directing subordinates on two occasions to assist in gathering scrap metal belonging to the state
- selling copper and other scrap metal from structures belonging to the state for financial gain
- using wood from state property for his personal use
- directing subordinates to use state vehicles to transport the wood to his house for his personal use

In a Stipulation and Consent Order, Liss, who served as a Building Superintendent at Camp Hartell in Windsor Locks, CT, admitted to taking the actions listed above but believed that his conduct did not violate the Code of Ethics. He previously made restitution to the State in the amount of \$654.50, the amount he received for the scrap metal.

Connecticut General Statutes section 1-84(c) prohibits a state employee from using his position to obtain financial gain for himself. Connecticut General Statutes section 1-84(q) provides that no state employee shall intentionally counsel, authorize or otherwise sanction action that violates any provision of the Code of Ethics.

A public hearing before the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board was scheduled to begin on June 25, 2015.

“I can't emphasize it enough,” said Executive Director Carol Carson. “State resources, including subordinates, are not to be used for personal gain and state employees who do so will face significant penalties.”

View: [Stipulation and Consent Order, Docket No. 2014-21](#)

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