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Human Resources Manager for Connecticut Military Department Pays \$450 for Ethics Violations

Hartford - Anthony Lewis of Glastonbury, CT paid a \$450 civil penalty for violating the Code of Ethics for using the state-owned gymnasium at the Manchester Armory, for his own (and his family's) personal use on multiple occasions in 2008 and 2009 without paying the required rental fees.

According to the stipulation and consent order finalized on December 23, 2011 with the Office of State Ethics (OSE), Lewis, who is a Human Resources manager at the Connecticut Military Department used the gymnasium for him, his son, and his son's friends to play basketball.

Prior to October 1, 2009, the base rental fee for the gymnasium at the Armory was \$200 per day. After October 1, 2009, the base rental fee was increased to \$250 per day. Employees and members of the public are not permitted to use Military Department facilities, such as the gymnasium without going through the facility rental process. The facilities on the grounds of the Manchester Armory were under the control of the Military Department until October 1, 2011.

Connecticut law prohibits a state employee from using his public office or position to obtain financial gain for himself, his spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is associated. Lewis paid \$450 in penalties for his violation of General Statutes §1-84 (c), which is the equivalent of the base fee for two days of rental (\$200, for use prior to October 1, 2009, and \$250, for use after October 1, 2009.)

“State employees may not use state resources for personal use, said OSE Executive Director, Carol Carson. “In particular, fees paid by the public for the use of public facilities may not be avoided by public employees.”

View: [Stipulation and Consent Order](#) Docket No. 2010-56 in the Matter of Anthony Lewis.

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