



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 25-079

Findings of Misconduct by then-FBI Special Agent in Charge for Failure to Report Subordinate's Alleged Misconduct and Dereliction of Supervisory Duty

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alleging that a then-FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) covered up the alleged misconduct of a subordinate rather than reporting it.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the then-SAC covered up a subordinate's alleged misconduct related to the installation of surveillance equipment on private property without consent or a court order rather than reporting the alleged misconduct, in violation of FBI policy. The OIG investigation also found that the then-SAC acted in dereliction of supervisory duty by reprimanding other employees for reporting the potential misconduct, in violation of FBI policy.

The SAC retired from the FBI prior to being contacted by the OIG for an interview. When later contacted by the OIG for a voluntary interview regarding this investigation, the SAC declined to be interviewed. The OIG has the authority to compel testimony from current Department employees upon informing them that their statements will not be used to incriminate them in a criminal proceeding. The OIG does not have the authority to compel or subpoena testimony from former Department employees, including those who retire or resign during the course of an OIG investigation.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for its information.



Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether DOJ personnel have committed misconduct.