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Findings of Misconduct by a then FBI Unit Chief for Failure to Satisfy Financial Obligations and Honor Just Debts, Misuse of Position by Requesting and Obtaining a Loan from a Subordinate, and Lack of Candor in FBI and Federal Financial Disclosure Forms

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Inspection Division, alleging that a then FBI Unit Chief committed misconduct by failing to honor a just debt involving a \$25,000 loan, failing to report this debt and other financial delinquencies to the FBI, and pressuring a subordinate into making a \$12,000 loan and then refusing to repay the loan.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegations that the then FBI Unit Chief failed to satisfy financial obligations and honor just debts, namely a \$25,000 loan from a financial institution, federal and state tax obligations, and a \$12,000 loan from a subordinate, in violation of federal ethics regulations and FBI policies. The OIG also found that the then FBI Unit Chief's conduct in obtaining the loan from the subordinate violated several federal ethics regulations, including prohibitions on the use of public office for private gain, misuse of government property, misuse of a subordinate's official time, and accepting gifts from subordinates. Additionally, the OIG found that the then FBI Unit Chief lacked candor by knowingly omitting financial liabilities from annual FBI Security Financial Disclosure Forms and an Office of Government Ethics Form 450 confidential financial disclosure report, or by omitting these liabilities with reckless disregard for the accuracy or completeness of the forms, in violation of FBI policy.

The then FBI Unit Chief resigned from the FBI prior to being contacted by the OIG for an interview. When later contacted by the OIG for an interview, the FBI Unit Chief 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. Criminal prosecution of the FBI Unit Chief was declined.

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



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