



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 23-006

Findings of Misconduct by Former FBI Unit Chief for Prohibited Post-Employment Communications and Misuse of Position

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alleging that after retiring, a former FBI Unit Chief may have made communications to the FBI with an intent to influence matters with which the Unit Chief had been personally and substantially involved while working at the FBI, in violation of federal law. During the investigation, the OIG also found evidence that before retiring the former Unit Chief may have engaged in misuse of position to benefit a family member, in violation of federal ethics regulations and FBI policy. The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the former Unit Chief knowingly communicated with the new Unit Chief with an intent to influence matters with which the former Unit Chief had been personally and substantially involved while working at the FBI and told the new Unit Chief to approve a payment in a disputed matter involving the former Unit Chief's new employer, in violation of federal law. The OIG investigation also found that the former Unit Chief, while still employed by the FBI, engaged in misuse of position by intervening with both an FBI field office and local law enforcement on behalf of a family member in a business matter, in violation of federal ethics regulations and FBI policy.

Prosecution of the former Unit Chief was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided a report to the FBI for its review and action it deems appropriate.



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