



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 24-095

Findings of Misconduct by a then Supervisory Criminal Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for Misuse of Position and Conduct Prejudicial to the Government in Connection with the AUSA's Involvement in a Hit-and-Run Car Crash While the AUSA was Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that a then supervisory criminal Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) had misused the AUSA's position in connection with local law enforcement's investigation into the AUSA's involvement in a hit and run car crash causing property damage while the AUSA was under the influence of alcohol.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the then supervisory criminal AUSA had engaged in misuse of position when the AUSA, unsolicited, provided local law enforcement officers with the AUSA's DOJ credentials and business card during their investigation into the AUSA's conduct, in violation of federal ethics regulations. The OIG investigation also found that the AUSA engaged in conduct prejudicial to the government when the AUSA drove the AUSA's personally owned vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, hit another vehicle, and then left the scene of the crash before any law enforcement could arrive, in violation of federal ethics regulations.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to EOUSA and the Department's Professional Misconduct Review Unit for appropriate action.



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