

Summary: BLM Manager Engaged in Sexual Misconduct

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The OIG investigated allegations that a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manager sent pornographic images and sexually suggestive instant messages from his Government computer and personal cellphone to a subordinate employee. The complainant further alleged that the BLM manager installed cameras in the district office to monitor employees and had misused Federal money to purchase a 72-inch flat-screen television and furniture for his office.

We found that the BLM manager sent sexually explicit messages to a subordinate employee from his Government computer during work hours and to two other BLM subordinate employees from his personal cellphone. All involved said the exchange of content was consensual, but the manager acknowledged that the conduct was inappropriate.

We did not find that the BLM manager installed cameras to monitor employees, but he did admit that he had inappropriately used the building's surveillance system and his Government-issued iPad to capture images of BLM employees without their knowledge.

We found no evidence that the BLM manager misused Federal money to buy a television or furniture for his office.

This is a summary of an investigative report we issued to the BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs.

