



# OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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### INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

#### **Findings of Misconduct by a DEA Group Supervisor for Actions Related to a Confidential Source Including Approving Payments to the Source without Proper Justification and Engaging in an Improper Personal Relationship; and by a DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Failing to Properly Supervise the Group Supervisor**

The Department of Justice Office (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), alleging that a DEA Group Supervisor (GS) made unjustified payments to DEA Confidential Sources (CSs), caused false statements to be made to justify the payments, and made false statements on documents relating to the suitability of a CS. Information received from the DEA also alleged that the GS had an inappropriate personal relationship with a CS and misused the GS's Official Government Vehicle (OGV) to take the CS on dates. In the course of its investigation, the OIG developed information further alleging that the GS shared non-public information with the CS relating to DEA personnel matters and that the GS's supervising DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), since retired, authorized improper payments to the CS.

The OIG concluded that the GS violated DEA policy and federal law when the GS approved payments to the CS without proper justification and when the GS approved a form relating to the CS knowing that it included false statements.

The OIG also concluded that the GS violated DEA policy by engaging in an improper personal relationship with the CS and by repeatedly meeting with the CS alone, including at the CS's residence. The OIG further found that the GS went on two personal trips with the CS and allowed the CS to accompany the GS on visits to the GS's family members and friends. None of these individuals were made aware that the GS's companion was a DEA CS who was participating in drug trafficking investigations involving violent criminals. In so doing, the GS deceived these individuals and exposed them and their families to potential danger. The OIG also substantiated the allegation that the GS misused the GS's OGV and that the GS shared non-public DEA information with the CS.

Further, the OIG concluded that the ASAC failed to properly supervise the GS.

Criminal prosecution was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and is providing this report to the DEA for appropriate action.

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

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