

Investigative Summary: Findings Concerning Allegations of Misconduct by an FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge Involving Sexual Harassment

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that an FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) had engaged in multiple instances of inappropriate touching and inappropriate comments of a sexual nature with several female FBI employees.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegations that the FBI ASAC made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature towards employees and made inappropriate physical contact with employees. The OIG interviewed several witnesses who told the OIG that they were either inappropriately touched or that they had inappropriate comments made to them by the FBI ASAC. Other witnesses said they observed the FBI ASAC engage in such conduct with the employees. Although the FBI ASAC generally denied the allegations, stated that he did not recall if specific incidents occurred, or made partial, non-inculpatory admissions, the OIG found the witnesses' accounts to be consistent, credible, and corroborative of each other. Accordingly, the OIG concluded that the FBI ASAC lacked candor in his interview the OIG. Prosecution was declined. Lastly, the OIG found that the FBI ASAC improperly discussed the fact the he was the subject of an OIG investigation with several subordinate employees in violation of FBI directives designed to prevent obstruction of administrative investigations.

The FBI ASAC was voluntarily demoted during the course of the OIG's investigation and was transferred to a different division. The OIG has provided its report to the FBI for appropriate action.

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