

Investigative Summary: Finding of Ethics Violation by a Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal for Failing to Report Financial Interests in Outside Business

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation based on an anonymous complaint relating to an outside business of a Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal (CDUSM), now retired.

The CDUSM acknowledged part ownership of the business. While the OIG did not find evidence to support the specific allegation made in the anonymous complaint, the OIG investigation found that the CDUSM had not reported in 2014 his interest in the business, or his ownership of rental properties, as required by government ethics regulations. The CDUSM stated he did not report his business ventures in 2014, although he had done so in some prior years, because he did not receive any profit from them. The OIG concluded that the CDUSM violated the regulations requiring designated employees of the executive branch of government to report their financial interests annually so that agency ethics officials can review the reports for possible conflicts of interest.

The OIG has completed its investigation and has provided a report to the USMS for its information.

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