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### **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Conclusion of the OIG's Examination of Conduct by FBI Personnel Associated with Former FBI Special Agent Matthew Lowry**

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that FBI Special Agent Matthew Lowry was found incoherent in his FBI-issued vehicle in possession of several packages of drug evidence that appeared to have been tampered with. In OIG interviews, Lowry admitted to illegally removing evidence packages containing heroin from FBI evidence facilities on multiple occasions, and using heroin from the packages. He was terminated by the FBI after agreeing to plead guilty to 64 counts of obstruction of justice, conversion of property, and possession of heroin. Lowry was sentenced to 36 months in prison and a \$13,000 fine.

In the course of its investigation, the OIG examined the conduct of other FBI personnel. The OIG found no evidence that Lowry sold or otherwise distributed any heroin he stole from FBI evidence, nor was there any evidence that any other FBI personnel knew of Lowry's criminal conduct.

However, the OIG found that an FBI Special Agent engaged in misconduct by signing evidence sealing labels at Lowry's request certifying that he had witnessed the sealing of the evidence packages, when in fact he had not. Prosecution of the Special Agent was declined.

The OIG has concluded its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for action it determines to be appropriate.

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