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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by an FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Misuse of Position, Soliciting and Accepting Gifts from Subordinates, and Unprofessional Behavior

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of a former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) based on information it received from the FBI that, among other things, the ASAC engaged in misuse of position and acted unprofessionally by: obtaining all-access passes for the ASAC and two friends to a professional football game; soliciting gifts from subordinates who traveled overseas; and making disparaging remarks in front of subordinates concerning partner law enforcement officers and agencies.

The OIG investigation found that the ASAC, in violation of FBI ethical guidelines, engaged in a misuse of position to obtain all-access passes to a professional football game for the ASAC and two friends. However, the OIG noted the significant mitigating aspect of the ASAC's use of the passes to access the field for a very brief period of time, and the ASAC's reason for the misuse of position, which was to provide a unique experience for a friend suffering from a terminal illness. The OIG further found that, in violation of federal ethical regulations, the ASAC solicited, and thereby improperly coerced, gifts from subordinates, and accepted gifts from subordinates who traveled overseas. The OIG also concluded that, in violation of FBI ethical guidelines, the ASAC made unprofessional and disparaging comments about partner law enforcement officials in the presence of subordinates.

The ASAC remains employed by the FBI as a Special Agent. The OIG has completed its investigation and provided this report to the FBI for appropriate action.

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