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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings Concerning Misuse of Government Vehicle, Position, and Subordinates' Time by a U.S. Marshal; and Failing to Report Misconduct and Other Misconduct by a Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of a United States Marshal (USM) and a Chief Deputy United States Marshal (CDUSM) based on information it received that, among other things, the USM misused his official government vehicle and misused his position, and the CDUSM failed to report misconduct and misused government property.

The OIG investigation found that the USM violated federal regulations and United States Marshals Service (USMS) policy by using an official government vehicle for personal matters, and misused his position and subordinates' time when, unconnected with any USMS business, he asked subordinates to drive his government vehicle to various locations to facilitate his handling of such personal matters, which they did during work hours. In addition, the USM misused his position and subordinates' time by putting subordinates in an awkward and difficult position that resulted in them helping the USM load items purchased for personal purposes into a rental truck.

The OIG found that the CDUSM violated federal regulations and USMS policy by failing to report the USM's misconduct, by misusing government property to store personal belongings, and by authorizing a subordinate's personal use of government property. During the course of its investigation, the OIG also found that the CDUSM violated the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act by denying an employee an assignment based on the fact that the employee spent time away from work on military duty. The CDUSM retired during the OIG's investigation.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided this report to the USMS and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General for appropriate action.

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