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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by Three Senior FBI Officials Who Violated Ethics Regulations by Soliciting Gifts to the FBI by Asking Private Entities to Pay for Alcohol at FBI Training Programs for State and Local Law Enforcement Officials

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation based on information it received that three senior Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) officials solicited a private entity to pay for alcohol to be served at social hours during an FBI training program for state and local law enforcement officials in violation of government ethics regulations. During the investigation, the OIG found indications that the three senior officials solicited additional outside entities for the same purpose. Solicitation of gifts is expressly prohibited by federal regulations, DOJ policy, and FBI Standards of Conduct.

The OIG investigation concluded that the three senior officials, one of whom is no longer an FBI employee, inappropriately solicited gifts to the FBI by asking three private entities to pay for alcohol to be served at social hours during FBI training programs for state and local law enforcement officials. Two of the private entities sponsored three social hours during the training program, paying for the alcohol served at the events. The OIG found that the senior FBI officials engaged in this misconduct after having sought guidance from the FBI's Office of General Counsel and Office of Integrity and Compliance, and after having been advised by both offices that making such solicitations was not permissible.

The OIG completed its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for appropriate action.

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