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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by a DEA Division Counsel for Using DEA Resources to Raise Funds for a Charitable Organization Outside of the CFC

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Division Counsel based on information received that the Division Counsel improperly raised funds on behalf of the Drug Enforcement Administration Survivors Benefit Fund (SBF), a private 501(c)(3) organization created for the purpose of providing financial benefits to surviving family members of DEA employees and deputized task force officers killed in the line of duty.

The OIG substantiated the allegation that the Division Counsel violated federal fundraising ethics regulations by using his government e-mail account and other government resources to take actions in support of the SBF, including: (i) sending e-mails from his DEA e-mail account to DEA employees seeking volunteers to perform work relating to a golf tournament held to raise money for the SBF; (ii) drafting letters on his government computer while on duty in which he solicited contributions to the SBF from businesses; (iii) communicating with representatives of a resort while on duty regarding the golf tournament to benefit the SBF; (iv) providing information while on duty to businesses and DEA employees about the golf tournament; and (v) soliciting donations while on duty from businesses for the SBF.

The OIG completed its investigation and provided its report to the DEA for action it deems appropriate.

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