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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by an FBI Special Agent in Charge and Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Failing to Ensure Contact with a Known Drug Trafficker was Handled According to FBI Policy for Confidential Human Sources, and for Failing to Report and Preventing the Reporting of Misconduct Allegations

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alleging in substance that a known drug trafficker claimed to be corruptly involved with the FBI. During its investigation, the OIG learned that an FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) and an FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) responsible for supervising the handling of Confidential Human Sources (CHSs) allegedly failed to report the allegation involving corruption to the FBI Inspection Division or the OIG and directed FBI employees not to report the allegation.

The OIG found that the SAC and the ASAC violated FBI policy when they failed to ensure that contact with the drug trafficker was handled according to FBI policy for handling CHSs, including documenting contacts and communications with a CHS, and failed to report and prevented the reporting of misconduct allegations to the appropriate authority, in violation of FBI policy.

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

Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether Department of Justice (DOJ) personnel have committed misconduct.

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