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### **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Findings of Misconduct by a United States Marshal for Entering into a Restricted Area of a Sheriff's Office and a County Jail Without Authorization**

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Office of Professional Responsibility-Internal Affairs alleging that a United States Marshal (USM) entered a restricted area of a county jail without authorization for the purpose of having a bond issued for an inmate who was a personal friend of the USM.

The OIG investigation found that the USM used a key code to gain access to the administrative area of the sheriff's office and then proceeded to enter the restricted area of the jail facility without authorization in order to post a bond for the inmate/friend. The OIG determined that the USM's previous non-federal employer had provided the key code to the USM for use while employed by that non-federal employer. The OIG concluded that, by using the key code to enter the administrative area of the sheriff's office without authorization, the USM violated state trespass law and thereby also violated USMS policy.

State prosecution of the USM was declined.

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

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