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Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Announces Initiation of Investigation

U.S. Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today that:

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is investigating the circumstances surrounding the release from prison and subsequent death of Frederick Marvin Bardell, who was released from the Seagoville Federal Correctional Institution in Seagoville, Texas, on February 8, 2021, and died nine days later. In an order dated October 4, 2022, Judge Roy B. Dalton, Jr., in the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, who had previously reviewed Mr. Bardell's petitions for compassionate release, recommended that the Attorney General, the OIG, or other appropriate investigative offices undertake an examination into the conditions of Mr. Bardell's confinement and treatment, and alleged misrepresentations to the Court. The OIG initiated this investigation in response to the allegations in Judge Dalton's order and will conduct its investigation consistent with the OIG's jurisdiction as established in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. If circumstances warrant, the OIG will consider including other issues that may arise during the course of the investigation.

The OIG is making this statement, consistent with Department of Justice policy, to reassure the public that an appropriate agency is investigating the allegations. Consistent with OIG policy, we will not comment further on the investigation until it is completed. When our investigation is concluded, we will proceed with our usual process for releasing our findings publicly in accordance with relevant laws, and DOJ and OIG policies.

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