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### **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Findings of Misconduct by FBI Senior Officials for Violations of Federal Ethics Rules and FBI Policies**

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) senior officials based on an allegation that the senior officials violated federal ethics rules and FBI policies in connection with their remaining at a sporting event after participating in pre-game law enforcement briefings, and holding an executive management meeting in a public space.

The OIG found that five FBI senior officials accepted gifts in violation of federal ethics rules and FBI policies in connection with their presence at the sporting event. Specifically, after they had attended pre-game security meetings, the five senior officials accepted a sports organization's offer to use a table in an exclusive club area of its stadium before and during the sporting event. The table had a view of the playing field and was in an area of the club where fans were circulating. The officials held an executive management meeting at the table, discussed sensitive law enforcement information during the executive management meeting, and ate food from a buffet in the club that had a market value of more than \$60 per person. We found that two of the five FBI senior officials were primarily responsible for these violations. The OIG additionally concluded that one of the FBI senior officials violated FBI policy by consuming alcohol while on duty at the sporting event.

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

The FBI advised the OIG that, following its receipt and review of the report, the FBI made the decision to reassign the more senior FBI official primarily responsible for these violations.

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

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