

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-035

Finding of Misconduct by an Acting Chief Deputy United States Marshal for Failing to Exercise Due Caution to Secure Sensitive Proprietary Information

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the United States General Services Administration (GSA) alleging misconduct by a United States Marshals Service (USMS) Acting Chief Deputy Marshal (Acting Chief DUSM) in connection with a USMS contracting matter. During the course of the investigation, the OIG found indications that the Acting Chief DUSM may have failed to safeguard sensitive contract information by providing proprietary information of a private company to a possible competitor. The OIG conducted this investigation jointly with the GSA OIG.

The OIG investigation found that the initial allegations were not factually supported. The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the Acting Chief DUSM failed to exercise due caution to secure the sensitive proprietary information of numerous private companies, in violation of USMS policy.

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

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