



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-049

Findings of Misconduct by a Drug Enforcement Administration Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Violating the Anti-Nepotism Statute and DEA Personal Conflict of Interest Policy

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) alleging misconduct by a DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) in connection with an employment examination. During the course of the investigation, the OIG found indications that the ASAC may have violated the Anti-Nepotism Statute, 5 U.S.C. § 3110, and DEA policy requiring avoidance of involvement in matters creating the appearance of personal conflicts of interest.

The OIG investigation found that the initial allegations of misconduct in connection with an employee examination were not factually supported. However, the OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the ASAC advocated for the employment of a close relative, in violation of the Anti-Nepotism Statute and DEA policy prohibiting employees from participating in official matters that will raise an appearance of a personal conflict of interest.

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



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