



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-068

Findings of Misconduct by a then United States Marshal for Misuse of Government-Issued Computer Devices and False Statements

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation after receiving information from the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) alleging that a government issued laptop computer assigned to a United States Marshal (USM) had attempted to access Internet sites containing pornography.

During the course of the investigation, the OIG found indications that the USM also used a government issued tablet to search the Internet for terms associated with pornography. The OIG also found indications that the USM made false statements to the OIG when questioned about searching the Internet for inappropriate content with the USM's government issued laptop and tablet by denying having done so.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the USM misused government issued devices by searching for and viewing sexually explicit material on the USM's government laptop and tablet in violation of federal regulations and DOJ and USMS policies. The OIG investigation also substantiated that the USM made false statements in violation of federal law and USMS policy during the USM's OIG interview when the USM denied using any government device to search for inappropriate content.

Criminal prosecution of the USM was declined.

The USM retired shortly after the OIG began its investigation and while it was ongoing.

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



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