



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-090

Findings of Misconduct by a then FBI Special Agent in Charge and two then FBI Assistant Special Agents in Charge for Their Roles in an Unauthorized \$2 Million Purchase of Intellectual Property Related to a Classified Undercover Operation and Related Misconduct

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alleging that in 2014 senior FBI officials from a field division spent \$2 million in government funds without authorization and engaged in other acts of misconduct related to that expenditure.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the then Special Agent in Charge (SAC) and two then Assistant Special Agents in Charge (ASACs) of the field division participated in the \$2 million purchase of intellectual property related to a classified undercover operation without the authority to do so. The OIG found that these actions were a violation of FBI policy.

The OIG concluded that the ASACs failed to disclose accurate cash on hand figures related to the undercover operation in order to secure funding for the unauthorized intellectual property purchase, in violation of FBI policy. Additionally, the OIG determined that the SAC deliberately falsified a funding request for the classified undercover operation, in violation of FBI policy.

The OIG investigation also substantiated that one of the ASACs showed a lack of candor related to the purchase, in violation of FBI policy.

The SAC and one of the ASACs retired and one of the ASAC's resigned before the OIG's investigation was completed. Prosecution was declined.

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



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