



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-111

### **Findings of Misconduct by a Bureau of Prisons Warden for Failing to Address a Lack of Heat in Housing Units, Failing to Maintain a Functioning Camera System Throughout the Facility, and Lack of Candor**

The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Office of Internal Affairs alleging that a BOP Warden subjected inmates to inhumane conditions by forcing them to live in housing units with inadequate heat for an extended period of time.

Subsequent to the onset of the investigation, the OIG found indications that the BOP Warden failed to maintain a fully functioning camera system throughout the facility for more than a year and failed to report the issue to BOP's regional management for remedy. Additionally, the OIG found indications that the BOP Warden lacked candor in sworn statements to the OIG.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the BOP Warden was inattentive to duties as warden and risked the safety and security of inmates and staff by failing to address a lack of heat in housing units during a period of exceptionally cold weather, and failing to maintain a functioning camera system throughout the facility, in violation of BOP standards of conduct. The OIG investigation also substantiated that the BOP Warden lacked candor under oath in two voluntary OIG interviews, also in violation of BOP standards of conduct.

Prosecution of the Warden was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and is providing this report to the BOP for appropriate action.



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