

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 22-012

Findings of Misconduct by then FBI Officials for Soliciting, Procuring, and Accepting Commercial Sex while On FBI Assignment Overseas, Lack of Candor to the OIG, and Related Misconduct

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alleging that, while working for the FBI overseas, multiple then FBI officials solicited, engaged in, and/or procured commercial sex. It was also alleged that one of the FBI officials provided another of the officials a package containing approximately 100 white pills to deliver to a foreign law enforcement officer. During its investigation, the OIG found indications that three of the FBI officials may also have failed to report unofficial contacts with foreign nationals.

The OIG substantiated allegations against six FBI officials as follows. The OIG investigation found that four FBI officials solicited, procured, and accepted commercial sex overseas, and that a fifth FBI official solicited commercial sex overseas, in violation of DOJ and FBI policies. The OIG investigation also found that four of those officials lacked candor about their interactions with prostitutes and other misconduct during OIG compelled interviews and compelled polygraph examinations, in violation of FBI policies, and that one of those officials made false statements in an OIG compelled interview and compelled polygraph examination in violation of federal law, when the official denied having engaged in sex acts with a prostitute. The OIG investigation further found that all five officials failed to report their own misconduct and the misconduct of others in connection with the procurement of commercial sex, all in violation of FBI policies. The OIG investigation further found that five officials failed to report contact or relationships with foreign nationals, including foreign nationals from whom they procured commercial sex, in violation of FBI policies. The OIG investigation further found that one of those officials lacked candor in a compelled interview with the OIG when the official denied observing or placing pills in a package to be delivered to a foreign law enforcement officer and that another of the officials failed to report having been provided such a package. The OIG investigation found that a sixth FBI official committed misconduct by failing to report suspected violations of the 2015 Attorney General Memorandum titled "Prohibition on the Solicitation of Prostitution" by other FBI officials, in violation of DOJ and FBI policies.

Of the five officials who solicited commercial sex overseas, failed to report their misconduct and misconduct of others, and failed to report contact or relationships with foreign nationals, two resigned, two retired, and one was removed, all while the OIG's investigation was ongoing.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its 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.