



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 23-019

Findings of Misconduct by a then Drug Enforcement Administration Regional Director for Misuse of Sensitive Investigative Unit Funds, Misuse of Representation Funds, Lack of Candor in Request for Representation Funds, and Related Misconduct

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) alleging that a then Regional Director had approved the use of DEA Sensitive Investigative Unit (SIU) funds to purchase unallowable items as part of trips by the then Acting DEA Administrator to DEA foreign offices and inappropriately requested reimbursement of expenses from representation funds for the Regional Director's birthday party. During its investigation, the OIG found indications that multiple offices within the region under the Regional Director's supervision were inappropriately requesting and documenting the use of SIU funds.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegations that the Regional Director approved the use of SIU funds to purchase unallowable items as part of trips by the then Acting DEA Administrator to DEA foreign offices under the Regional Director's supervision, that the Regional Director inappropriately requested and received reimbursement from representation funds for expenses related to the Regional Director's birthday party, and that the Regional Director lacked candor for omitting references to the fact that the representation funds were for the Regional Director's birthday party, in violation of DEA policy. Additionally, the OIG investigation substantiated that the Regional Director directed multiple offices under the Regional Director's supervision to misuse the SIU request and documentation process to relocate cash among the offices, in violation of DEA policy. During the investigation, the Regional Director was removed from DEA due to a separate DEA investigation.

Criminal prosecution of the Regional Director was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and is providing this report to the DEA for its review and action it deems appropriate.



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