

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 24-001

## Findings of Misconduct by a then Federal Bureau of Investigation Senior Level Employee for Solicitation of Prostitutes and Failure to Self-Report Close or Continuous Contacts with a Foreign National

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 an FBI Senior Level Employee was associated with a foreign national, had failed to self-report close or continuous contact with this foreign national as required by FBI policy, and may have paid for and/or received sexual favors at the foreign national's massage parlor or other massage parlors in the same geographic area.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the Senior Level Employee had solicited prostitutes on multiple occasions at various massage parlors in the same geographic area, in violation of Department of Justice and FBI policy. The OIG investigation also found that the Senior Level Employee had failed to self-report a close relationship with the foreign national, which resulted in the Senior Level Employee having close and continuous contacts with the foreign national, in violation of FBI policy.

The Senior Level Employee retired from the FBI prior to being contacted by the OIG for an interview. When later contacted by the OIG for a voluntary interview, the Senior Level Employee declined to be interviewed. The OIG has the authority to compel testimony from current Department employees upon informing them that their statements will not be used to incriminate them in a criminal proceeding. The OIG does not have the authority to compel or subpoena testimony from former Department employees, including those who retire or resign during the course of an OIG investigation.

Federal and State criminal prosecution was declined.

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