

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 27-004

Findings of Misconduct by Two Deputy U.S. Marshals for Consumption of Alcohol While on Duty, One of Whom Engaged in Conduct Prejudicial to the Government

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the U.S. Marshal Service (USMS), Office of Professional Responsibility, alleging that two Deputy U.S. Marshals consumed alcohol while on official travel. The OIG conducted this investigation jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that both Deputy U.S. Marshals had consumed alcohol while on duty in violation of USMS policies and guidelines. The OIG investigation also found that one of the Deputy U.S. Marshals was intoxicated and interacted inappropriately with other passengers on an airplane while on duty, which constituted conduct prejudicial to the government in violation of federal regulations.

Criminal prosecution of the Deputy U.S. Marshals was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the USMS for appropriate action.

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

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