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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by a then Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for Failure to File Federal or State Income Tax Returns for Three Consecutive Years

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that a then AUSA failed to file federal or state individual income tax returns for three consecutive years and owed approximately \$18,000 in back taxes.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the AUSA willfully failed to file federal individual income tax returns for three consecutive years in violation of federal law and federal ethics regulations, and owed more than \$31,000 in federal taxes for that taxable period. The OIG also substantiated that the AUSA willfully failed to file state individual income tax returns, in violation of state law, and owed more than \$600 in state taxes for that same taxable period.

The Department removed the AUSA from federal service while the OIG investigation was ongoing.

Federal and state prosecution of the AUSA was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the EOUSA for its information and to the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility for appropriate action.

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

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