

Summary: Investigation of BIA Special Agent Accused of Lying

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We initiated this investigation on January 29, 2015, at the request of the Chief of the Internal Affairs Division (IAD), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), who reported that an IAD Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) allegedly lied to his previous supervisor in February 2012. Specifically, the previous supervisor reported that the SSA was told not to travel to the Turtle Mountain Tribe and the Three Affiliated Tribes unless he had arranged meetings with the chairmen of both tribes.

According to the previous supervisor, before leaving on the trip, the SSA confirmed that he had arranged meetings with both tribal chairmen. After the trip was over, the previous supervisor learned that the SSA had only met with the chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

During our interview with the SSA, he denied lying to his previous supervisor, recalling that the previous supervisor had only told him to arrange a meeting with the chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes. Due to the time that had passed, conflicting recollections of conversations that occurred, and the lack of documentation regarding the specific instructions concerning those events, we were unable to determine if the SSA lied to his previous supervisor.

We provided the results of our investigation to the Director, Office of Justice Services, BIA, for information only and did not require a response.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued internally to the U.S. Department of the Interior. This summary was posted to the web on December 15, 2015.

