



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-013

Findings of Misconduct by an Assistant United States Attorney for Misuse of Government Property and Conduct Unbecoming to a Federal Employee

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation after receiving information from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that that an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) had a cache of digital video discs (DVDs) containing pornographic videos and adult paraphernalia in the AUSA's office located within a United States Attorney's Office (USAO).

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the AUSA stored the materials within the USAO as alleged, and that the AUSA watched the pornographic DVDs on a personally owned device outside of business hours. The OIG conducted a forensic examination on the AUSA's government-issued computer and cell phone and found no evidence that pornography had been accessed, downloaded, viewed, or played on either device. The OIG investigation did not uncover any evidence of child pornography.

The OIG substantiated the allegations that the AUSA misused government property (the AUSA's office within the USAO) and engaged in conduct unbecoming to a federal employee.

During the course of the investigation, the AUSA resigned from federal service.

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



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