



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 22-041

### **Findings of Misconduct by a then Assistant United States Attorney for Attempted Misuse of Position and Conduct Prejudicial to the Government**

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 an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), who has since resigned, was arrested for Resisting Arrest and Obstructing Governmental Administration, in connection with a traffic stop of a vehicle in which the AUSA was a passenger. The charges against the AUSA were subsequently dismissed.

The OIG investigation found that the AUSA was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by law enforcement officers who explained the vehicle had been stopped because of a traffic violation. The AUSA displayed official DOJ credentials to the law enforcement officers right after the driver was asked to step out of the vehicle, thereby attempting to gain an advantage from law enforcement officials to which the AUSA was not entitled, that is, more favorable treatment for the driver, in violation of federal regulations. The OIG investigation also found that the AUSA engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the Government by repeatedly ignoring the instructions of a law enforcement official to remain in the vehicle while another law enforcement official was attempting to have the driver submit to a breathalyzer test, and by being rude and disrespectful toward the officials on the scene, in violation of federal regulations and Department policy.

The AUSA resigned during the OIG investigation.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to EOUSA for its information and the DOJ 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.