



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 23-042

### **Finding of Misconduct by an FBI Management and Program Analyst for Unauthorized Communications with Members of the Media, for Disclosing Sensitive Information to a Reporter, for Lack of Candor, and for Accepting Prohibited Gifts**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning possible unauthorized communications by a Management and Program Analyst (MAPA) with a member of the media. During the course of the investigation, the OIG found indications that the MAPA may have disclosed law enforcement or other sensitive but unclassified non-public information to other members of the media without authorization, and may have accepted prohibited gifts from them.

The OIG investigation found that the MAPA had unauthorized communications with several members of the media, and that the MAPA provided sensitive but unclassified information, law enforcement sensitive information, and other non-public FBI information to one reporter, in violation of FBI policies and federal regulations prohibiting the improper use of non-public information. The OIG also concluded that the MAPA failed to notify members of the FBI's Office of Public Affairs regarding these activities, and lacked candor in claiming to the OIG that the MAPA had done so, in violation of FBI policy. Finally, the OIG concluded that the MAPA accepted gifts of food and drink from members of the media valued at more than \$20 per occasion and more than \$50 in a calendar year from a single source, in violation of federal ethics regulations.

The MAPA resigned from the FBI in September, 2019, after the FBI suspended the MAPA's security clearance. The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for its information.



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