



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 23-063

Findings of Misconduct by an Assistant United States Attorney for Sexually Inappropriate Comments to Multiple Colleagues and Attempted Witness Tampering

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) may have engaged in sexual misconduct directed at a colleague. During its investigation, the OIG found indications that the AUSA also may have engaged in sexual harassment by making and sending sexually explicit comments to multiple colleagues and may have attempted to tamper with a witness during the OIG's investigation.

The OIG investigation did not substantiate the initial allegation regarding sexual misconduct. The OIG investigation did find that the AUSA had made and sent inappropriate sexually oriented comments and messages to multiple colleagues, in violation of DOJ policy. The OIG investigation also found that the AUSA had attempted to tamper with a witness during the OIG's investigation, in violation of federal law and DOJ policy.

Federal and state criminal prosecution of the AUSA was declined.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the EOUSA and DOJ's Professional Misconduct Review Unit for appropriate action.



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