



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 24-014

### Finding of Misconduct by a then-Assistant United States Attorney for Attempted Misuse of Position

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 a then-Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) was arrested for assault and attempted to misuse the AUSA's position as an AUSA by making reference to being a federal prosecutor during the AUSA's interaction with local police officers. The charge against the AUSA was subsequently dismissed.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the then-AUSA attempted to misuse the AUSA's official position in a manner that was intended to induce local police officers to provide the AUSA a benefit, in violation of federal regulation. The OIG investigation found that the AUSA attempted to misuse the AUSA's position as an AUSA by making reference to being a federal prosecutor in an attempt to influence local police officers and to avoid arrest during the AUSA's interaction with the police officers.

The AUSA resigned from the Department prior to being contacted by the OIG for an interview. When later contacted by the OIG for a voluntary interview, the AUSA declined to be interviewed. The OIG has the authority to compel testimony from current Department employees upon informing them that their statements will not be used to incriminate them in a criminal proceeding. The OIG does not have the authority to compel or subpoena testimony from former Department employees, including those who retire or resign during the course of an OIG investigation.

The OIG has completed its investigation and is providing this report to the EOUSA for its information and to the Department'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.