



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 24-015

### **Finding of Misconduct by a then-FBI Legal Attaché for Unauthorized Disclosure of Sensitive Information, False Statements, Failure to Cooperate, and Related Misconduct**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), alleging that a then-FBI Legal Attaché may have sent photographs of FBI special agents the Legal Attaché believed had been killed in the line of duty to a member of the news media without authorization.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the then-Legal Attaché was responsible for sending photographs of FBI special agents the Legal Attaché believed had been killed in the line of duty to a member of the news media without authorization, in violation of FBI policy. The OIG investigation also found that the Legal Attaché misused a government computer to obtain the photographs, in violation of FBI policy. The OIG investigation further found that the Legal Attaché made false statements to the OIG and failed to cooperate fully in the OIG investigation of this matter, in violation of federal law and regulations, as well as FBI policy.

The Legal Attaché retired while the OIG's investigation was ongoing.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for appropriate action.

Criminal prosecution of the Legal Attaché was declined.



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