



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 24-048

### **Findings of Misconduct by a then FBI Special Agent in Charge for Ethical Violations Pertaining to Financial Conflict of Interest and Use of Public Office for Private Gain**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation after receiving information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Inspection Division, alleging that a then FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) had assigned the SAC's spouse, who worked within the SAC's chain of command, to serve on a committee and then arranged for the committee members, including the spouse, to receive cash awards in recognition of such service.

The OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that the SAC had an imputed financial interest in the spouse's receipt of the cash award, and that the SAC violated federal ethics regulations and related FBI policies when the SAC—without seeking prior authorization to participate in the matter—orchestrated the spouse's receipt of the award by directing a subordinate to complete the paperwork necessary for the spouse to receive the award.

The SAC retired from the FBI prior to being contacted by the OIG for an interview. When later contacted by the OIG for a voluntary interview, the SAC declined to be interviewed. The OIG has the authority to compel testimony from current DOJ 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 DOJ employees, including those who retire or resign during an OIG investigation.

Criminal prosecution of the SAC was declined. The OIG has completed its investigation and provided a 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.