

Investigative Summary: Findings Concerning Allegations of Misconduct by an OIG Supervisory Employee Involving Conduct Prejudicial to the OIG and Sending Sensitive OIG Information Outside of the OIG

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of an OIG supervisory employee after receiving information from a DOJ attorney that the OIG supervisory employee may have attempted to evade federal income tax obligations and structure bank deposits of gambling winnings to avoid reporting requirements.

The DOJ attorney's suspicions arose from a conversation with the OIG supervisory employee during which he made boastful statements about his gambling activity and his handling of his winnings. The OIG determined that the OIG supervisory employee had made the statements as alleged, but did not substantiate that he engaged in structuring violations. The OIG concluded that the supervisory employee's boastful statements constituted conduct prejudicial to the OIG, particularly in view of the OIG's function and his position of trust as a manager. In addition, the OIG's investigation identified numerous occasions when the supervisory employee sent OIG sensitive and other information to personal e-mail accounts in violation of DOJ and OIG policies. The OIG also found that the supervisory employee regularly used his DOJ e-mail account to manage a personal rental property, and that he did not report his gambling income on his tax returns or report his rental or gambling income on his annual confidential financial disclosure forms for a period of years. Prosecution was declined.

The OIG removed the supervisory employee from federal service. His appeal is pending.

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