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1. CASE NUMBER

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

PREPARED BY

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

2. REPORT NUMBER

029

3. TITLE

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

'Disclosure-(General)/WASHINGTON, DIST OF COLUMBIA, DC

4. FINAL RESOLUTION

Substantiated

5. STATUS

Closing Report

6. TYPE OF REPORT

Red Book

7. RELATED CASES

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

8. TOPIC

Unauthorized Disclosure of an Individual's Immigration Information

9. SYNOPSIS

It was alleged that on October 31, 2008, four days prior to the 2008 presidential election, an unknown employee improperly released immigration information to the media about Presidential Candidate and US Senator Barack Obama's aunt, (b)(6), (b)(7)c The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigated the matter and determined (b)(6), (b)(7)c disclosed (b)(6), (b)(7)c identity and immigration information to the media.

In addition to the initial allegation, the investigation revealed (b)(6), (b)(7)c displayed a lack of candor during an OPR interview and misused government property.

10. CASE OFFICER (Print Name & Title)

ICE-OPR Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)c

11. COMPLETION DATE

10-AUG-2010

14. ORIGIN OFFICE

ICE OPR Special Investigations Unit

12. APPROVED BY (Print Name & Title)

ICE-OPR Special Agent Supervisor (b)(6), (b)(7)c

13. APPROVED DATE

10-AUG-2010

15. TELEPHONE NUMBER

No Phone Number

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**BACKGROUND:**

On October 30, 2008, the Times of London printed an article identifying (b)(6), (b)(7)c as Presidential Candidate Obama's aunt and residing in public housing in Boston, Massachusetts. The article stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c immigration status could not be determined; however, inferred she was a U.S. citizen because she made a monetary contribution to Presidential Candidate Obama's campaign. Subsequent to the article being published, ICE Office of Public Affairs (OPA) personnel began receiving media inquiries about (b)(6), (b)(7)c immigration status and initiated gathering immigration information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c. It was determined (b)(6), (b)(7)c Executive management within ICE met to discuss the matter and determined the agency response to the media inquiries would be that ICE does not discuss the status of any individual or their case. (Exhibit 1)

On October 31, 2008, (b)(6), (b)(7)c by Associated Press (AP) reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c provided the agency response to reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c stating that ICE does not discuss the status of any individual or their case. During that same day, (b)(6), (b)(7)c received three additional telephone calls from reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c attempting to verify (b)(6), (b)(7)c immigration status. At approximately 11:00 PM, the AP printed an article about (b)(6), (b)(7)c stating she was living in the United States illegally after an immigration judge rejected her request for asylum four years earlier. The article also stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c deportation case was disclosed and confirmed by two separate sources, one of them a federal law enforcement official. Additionally, the article stated the "U.S. law enforcement official" told the AP that ICE initiated a nationwide directive requiring any deportations prior to the presidential election be approved at least at the level of regional directors. The AP reporters credited with writing the article were (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (Exhibit 2)

On November 1, 2008, ICE Assistant Secretary (AS) Julie Myers referred the matter to ICE Director Timothy Moynihan, OPR, to investigate who made the unauthorized disclosure of information to the media. On November 3, 2008, the OPR/SIU initiated an investigation into the matter and determined (b)(6), (b)(7)c disclosed (b)(6), (b)(7)c identity and immigration information to AP reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c. Additionally, (b)(6), (b)(7)c displayed a lack of candor during an OPR interview while explaining his contact with reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c and misused government property to make the unauthorized disclosure of immigration information.
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ALLEGATION ONE: Unauthorized Disclosure of an Individual's Immigration Information. SUBSTANTIATED

ALLEGATION TWO: Lack of Candor. SUBSTANTIATED

ALLEGATION THREE: Misuse of Government Property. SUBSTANTIATED

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

ALLEGATION ONE: Unauthorized Disclosure of an Individual's Immigration Information.

On November 3, 2008, OPR/SIU initiated an investigation into the unauthorized disclosure [b](6), [b](7)c of immigration information. On May 25, 2010, and again on June 14, 2010, OPR interviewed and received an admission that he disclosed information about [b](6), [b](7)c on October 31, 2008, to reporter [b](6), [b](7)c admitted to release the information intentionally and stated the release was an “error in judgment.” Despite admitting he used government-owned equipment to communicate the information to reporter [b](6), [b](7)c did not consider the release of information to be official, and OPR/SIU determined reporter [b](6), [b](7)c did not have an official need to know the information. The release violated various sections of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) privacy policy implemented in DHS Management Directive Number 11042.1 and DHS Privacy Policy Guidance Memorandum Number 2007-1 dated January 19, 2007. (Exhibits 3 & 4)

DHS Management Directive Number 11042.1 states:

For Official Use Only (FOUO): [is] The term used within DHS to identify unclassified information of a sensitive nature, not otherwise categorized by statute or regulation, the unauthorized disclosure of which could adversely impact a person’s privacy or welfare, the conduct of Federal programs, or other programs or operations essential to the national interest.

DHS Privacy Policy Guidance Memorandum Number 2007-1 states:

As a matter of DHS policy, any personally identifiable information (PII) that is collected, used, maintained, and/or disseminated in connection with a mixed system by DHS shall be treated as a System of Records subject to the Privacy Act regardless of whether the information pertains to a
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U.S. citizen, Legal Permanent Resident, visitor, or alien.

Because this allegation was originally against an unknown subject, OPR/SIU began investigative efforts by identifying which employees were aware of immigration information, and the Detention and Removal Operations (DRO) directive noted in the article, prior to the article being printed on October 31, 2008. For purposes of conveying information in the proper context, employees listed below are being referred to by their titles at the time of the incident. Unless otherwise specified, all times listed below are from Eastern Daylight Time.

On November 3, 2008, OPR/SIU, interviewed who stated she received the initial media request about on October 30, 2008, at approximately 3:13 PM. stated she realized later that OPA/Boston, received an inquiry about the same matter at approximately 1:00 PM. stated after receiving the inquiries, she requested agency information be gathered about immigration status to help determine how to respond. stated she initially asked and OPA/Northeast, to gather information about the local level. stated, subsequent to making that request, she notified OI, about the media inquiries and internal request for immigration information for OAS; and DAS stated she also notified Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) about the matter and asked him to search their databases for information. stated she then notified DHS Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Public Affairs to inform him of the matter. (Exhibit 5)

stated, at approximately 5:15 PM, notified her that the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC) conducted the queries and determined stated she provided the information to Office of Assistant Secretary (OAS); OAS; and DAS stated when she spoke with DAS he told her that CIS determined and DAS agreed the official response to media inquiries about the matter would be that "we do not discuss the status of any individual or their case."

stated she then contacted Boston (FOD/Boston), and informed him what the query results were for
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(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c to determine if (b)(6), (b)(7)c was currently a target of the fugitive operations team in Boston or if they were even aware of her.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, at approximately 5:45 PM, she attended a meeting about the matter with AS Myers; OAS; OI; DRO; Office of Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA); OAS; and ICE OAS. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she briefed AS Myers about the matter and received her concurrence on the agency response. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated after the meeting she and (b)(6), (b)(7)c spoke to DAS and received his concurrence on the agency response. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she then responded to the initial media inquiry by provided the agency response to the reporter and sent email messages advising other CIS and DHS personnel of the response.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, on October 31, 2008, at approximately 5:35 PM, she received another media inquiry about (b)(6), (b)(7)c from an AP reporter named (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated, "she was trying to chase down a rumor regarding Senator Obama's aunt (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c also said she understood (b)(6), (b)(7)c was facing deportation and asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c if she could confirm the information. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she told reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c that she could not comment on individuals or cases and reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c replied, she would continue to "see what I can find."

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c called her three additional times that evening and acted increasingly anxious to obtain information and confirm that (b)(6), (b)(7)c was illegally in the United States. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated when reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c called her at approximately 7:15 PM, she asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c if she could tell her any information and (b)(6), (b)(7)c replied that she could not. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c further asked if she knew anyone who could or would talk to her and (b)(6), (b)(7)c responded she did not.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated when reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c called her at approximately 8:00 or 8:30 PM, she advised (b)(6), (b)(7)c she had confirmation from a law enforcement official that (b)(6), (b)(7)c had applied for asylum, was denied in 2004, and that she had a final order of removal making her an immigration fugitive. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c told her she needed a "federal official" to corroborate the information and asked (b)(6), (b)(7)c if she could corroborate the information. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she replied that she could not corroborate the information. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c also asked if she knew anyone who could corroborate the information and she replied she did not.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated when reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c called her at approximately 9:30 PM she told her she had
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a second source and requested the official agency response before printing the article. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated she told reporter (b)(6), (b)(7) that ICE does not comment on the status of individuals or their cases and the article was released around 11:00 PM. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated she did not disclose or confirm any sensitive information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible.

On November 5, 2008, (b)(6), (b)(7) and (b)(6), (b)(7) interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7) who stated, on October 30, 2008, (b)(6), (b)(7) advised him that the AP had made inquiries with ICE regarding the immigration status of (b)(6), (b)(7) said the matter was discussed at a meeting he attended with AS Myers and others previously identified. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he also discussed the matter with (b)(6), (b)(7); DRO; (b)(6), (b)(7); DRO; (b)(6), (b)(7); DRO; and (b)(6), (b)(7) (Exhibit 6)

(b)(6), (b)(7) stated, after the meeting with AS Myers, he directed (b)(6), (b)(7) to gather facts related to the inquiry for a case summary. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he then had a teleconference with (b)(6), (b)(7) and (b)(6), (b)(7) and instructed them to work with (b)(6), (b)(7) to prepare the case summary. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he also instructed the Boston Field Office to take no action with respect to (b)(6), (b)(7) and implement a process whereby all fugitive targets would be vetted at the DFOD level or higher.

(b)(6), (b)(7) stated, on October 31, 2008, he was provided with a case synopsis for (b)(6), (b)(7) and two other individuals. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated, on that date, he also ordered (b)(6), (b)(7) to issue a national directive requiring all fugitive targets be vetted by DFODs or FODs and further vetting at the headquarters level of fugitive targets that may attract congressional or media attention. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he discussed the directive with (b)(6), (b)(7) who approved its issuance, prior to ordering the directive. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible.

On November 5, 2008, (b)(6), (b)(7) and (b)(6), (b)(7) interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7) who stated he became aware of the issue relating to (b)(6), (b)(7) on October 30, 2008. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he attended a meeting to discuss the issue on that date and at the conclusion of the meeting it was decided ICE would provide a "no comment" response to the media inquiry about (b)(6), (b)(7) did not provide any other previously unidentified attendees of the meeting. (b)(6), (b)(7) stated, as a result of the meeting, he became involved with receiving and reviewing pertinent database queries for (b)(6), (b)(7) stated he was provided with query results from (b)(6), (b)(7) OPLA, (b)(6), (b)(7)
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and a summary document from DRO. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, in addition to the people at the initial meeting, and who provided database queries for his review, he discussed the matter with OPLA; (b)(6), (b)(7)c OPLA, (b)(6), (b)(7)c OAS. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 7)

On November 5, 2008, (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated he primarily became aware of the issue involving (b)(6), (b)(7)c based on the LESC query request generated on October 30, 2008. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c requested LESC queries for "(b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he coordinated having the queries performed by the LESC with (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 8)

On November 5, 2008, ICE SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c OPR/SIU, interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated he was made aware of a media inquiry concerning (b)(6), (b)(7)c by (b)(6), (b)(7)c on the afternoon of October 30, 2008. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated earlier in the day he was advised by (b)(6), (b)(7)c of a media inquiry; however, she mistakenly thought the inquiry was about Osama Bin Laden's aunt, not Presidential Candidate Obama’s aunt. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he sent a request to the LESC for research so a proper response could be made to the media inquiry. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he sent the request to (b)(6), (b)(7)c LESC, and included (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c on the routing. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated the LESC conducted the research and sent the results directly to OI Headquarters. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c advised him (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 9)

On November 5, 2008, ICE SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c OPR/SIU, interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated she was contacted on October 30, 2008, by Washington Post reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c and thought she asked for information about Osama Bin Laden’s aunt. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she told reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c that she could not verify a subject's immigration status and referred her to CIS for benefit-related immigration questions. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she later realized the request was about Presidential Candidate Obama’s aunt (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c and (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, after she discussed the issue with (b)(6), (b)(7)c she was asked by (b)(6), (b)(7)c to gather information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated she contacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c
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and asked him to research information about stated she later contacted to provide him with identifiers for stated she did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 10)

On November 5, 2008, SSAs interviewed LESC, who stated he received an email message on October 30, 2008, from LESC, asking him to perform queries on a subject named stated, before he started on the request, talked to him in person about the importance of the matter and told him that the information was sensitive and not to be discussed outside of the chain of command. stated he conducted queries for and based on the queries he conducted, he determined stated he forwarded the information to stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 11)

On November 5, 2008, SSAs interviewed LESC, who stated he became involved in querying information relative to because asked him for help. stated he performed queries on a subject named stated, after he conducted the queries, he provided the information to who reported the information to stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 12)

On November 6, 2008, SSAs interviewed who stated he received an email message on October 30, 2008, from requesting research for stated he assigned the research to and directed that the results not be released to OPA without approval from OI Headquarters. stated he met with in person to explain the sensitivity of the matter and told him not to discuss or release the results to anyone outside their chain of command. stated he assigned the research to stated, when the query results were done, he sent them electronically to and stated, a short time later, he received a telephone call from and asking him to research two additional names. stated performed the queries and when completed he returned the results electronically to and stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 13)
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On November 6, 2008, SSAs interviewed who stated he received an email message from requesting research relative to stated followed-up with a telephone conversation and explained the sensitivity of the research. stated he assigned the research to and received the results from him. stated he sent the results to who then forwarded them to stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 14)

On November 6, 2008, SSAs interviewed who stated he was asked by to conduct a query of on October 30, 2008, which he completed and provided to stated when he conducted the query was present and told him he recognized the name of to be Presidential Candidate Obama’s aunt. stated he heard about from listening to the Rush Limbaugh radio show. stated when he provided the query results to he told him was present when he conducted the query and told him was Presidential Candidate Obama’s aunt. stated he contacted twice to stress the importance of not disclosing the information to anyone. stated both he and conducted additional queries of on October 31, 2008. stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 15)

On November 6, 2008, SSAs interviewed who stated he became aware of the issue of on October 30, 2008, from stated received information from that a media inquiry came from the Washington Post concerning immigration status. stated he provided him with of the matter and subsequently participated in a conference call with DRO Headquarters. stated it was decided they would complete a case synopsis and stated he instructed to conduct queries for the synopsis and assisted. stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. (Exhibit 16)

On November 6, 2008, SSAs interviewed who stated he was
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notified while on annual leave about the matter of (b)(6), (b)(7)c on October 30, 2008, by (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (b)(6), (b)(7)c explained (b)(6), (b)(7)c contacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c directly and requested research on (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c contacted him because he felt it was unusual and inappropriate that (b)(6), (b)(7)c did not make such a sensitive request through the appropriate DRO chain of command. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he instructed (b)(6), (b)(7)c to make no further queries on (b)(6), (b)(7)c and called (b)(6), (b)(7)c for guidance. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated when he discussed the matter with (b)(6), (b)(7)c he told him he was unaware of the request and would notify the "front office." (Exhibit 17)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, because he and (b)(6), (b)(7)c found it so disturbing OPA contacted them directly to run queries on (b)(6), (b)(7)c. Just prior to the Presidential election, he decided to report the matter. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he reported the matter on November 1, 2008, to DHS Office of Inspector General, and to Congressmen William Delahunt's office. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he did not provide (b)(6), (b)(7)c with any information from law enforcement databases and did not disclose the name of Presidential Candidate Obama's aunt. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c called him back and said when he told Congressman Delahunt about the matter he was "deeply" concerned. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible.

On November 7, 2008, SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c a second time based upon his request to clarify information. (b)(6), (b)(7)c provided a second sworn statement which stated he contacted (b)(6), (b)(7)c and Congressman Delahunt's office on either October 31, 2008, or November 3, 2008; instead of definitively stating the contact occurred on November 3, 2008. On November 11, 2008, OPR/SIU gave (b)(6), (b)(7)c the opportunity to undergo examination by polygraph and he refused the examination. (Exhibit 18)

On November 7, 2008, SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated he was contacted by (b)(6), (b)(7)c on October 30, 2008, regarding an immigration status query for (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c told him the query pertained to a request from the Washington Post about Osama Bin Laden's aunt. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he questioned (b)(6), (b)(7)c about the matter because he heard a news report that morning referencing Presidential Candidate Obama's aunt. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c realized she made a mistake and then told him that she referred the Washington Post reporter to CIS. (Exhibit 19)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, because of (b)(6), (b)(7)c request, he and (b)(6), (b)(7)c conducted queries pertaining to (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he provided the results to (b)(6), (b)(7)c who
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contacted [redacted] about them. [redacted] stated he was told by [redacted] to not release any information to [redacted] and to ensure that anyone with knowledge of the matter not disclose anything. [redacted] stated [redacted] later instructed him to prepare a brief "write-up" explaining how they came upon [redacted] information. [redacted] stated [redacted] later asked him for assistance with conducting additional queries because he was completing a briefing paper about [redacted] and two other subjects. [redacted] stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible.

On November 12, 2008, and interviewed who stated he was told about the matter of [redacted] on October 30, 2008. stated [redacted] but efforts were underway to confirm the information. stated he discussed the matter on October 30, 2008, with CIS and expressed that the matter be handled with the appropriate sensitivity. stated he also discussed the matter with Office of Congressional Relations. stated he was told by [redacted] on October 31, 2008, that she received a second significant media inquiry about the matter. stated the second media inquiry came from reporter [redacted] stated, at that time, he reviewed a summary document about [redacted] status because he was concerned reporters would confirm the information, the article would be released, and the story would become very large. (Exhibit 20)

stated he received a telephone call on October 31, 2008, at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 PM, directly from reporter [redacted] stated reporter [redacted] told him that she needed just one more person to confirm Presidential Candidate Obama’s aunt was illegally present in the United States and asked if he could confirm the information. stated he replied he could not confirm the information and he did not know anyone else who could. [redacted] stated he had the telephone conversation while having dinner at the home of personal friends, [redacted] overheard his portion of the conversation and told him it seemed he had a difficult call. [redacted] stated he told there was a London Times story alleging Presidential Candidate Obama's aunt was in the United States illegally but ICE could not disclose that kind of information. stated he received an email message at approximately 9:30 PM stating the AP was printing the story and received the story at approximately 11:30 PM. stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible.

On November 13, 2008, ICE SSAs OPR/SIU interviewed who stated he was aware of the sensitive information concerning Ms on October...
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30, 2008 or October 31, 2008. [b](6), [b](7) stated he became aware that [b](6), [b](7) had been corresponding with [b](6), [b](7) about [b](6), [b](7) immigration status because of an inquiry she received from the AP. [b](6), [b](7) stated he discussed the matter with [b](6), [b](7) and one or two other unidentified members of his staff. [b](6), [b](7) stated he authored the original DRO directive that was mentioned in the AP article and stated the news article’s representation was completely inaccurate. [b](6), [b](7) stated he did not disclose or confirm any information for the AP article and did not know who was responsible. [b](6), [b](7) provided a copy of the DRO directive which is contained herein. (Exhibit 21)

OPR/SIU also conducted interviews with The interviews did not provide any additional investigative leads. (Exhibits 22, 23, 24, 25, 26)

On May 25, 2010, ICE SSAs OPR/San Diego, interviewed who stated, during a telephone conversation he had on October 31, 2008, he, [b](6), [b](7) told him [b](6), [b](7) also told him that AS Myers, [b](6), [b](7) were meeting throughout the day to find a way to release the story about [b](6), [b](7) without bringing negative attention to ICE. (Exhibit 27)

[b](6), [b](7) stated, after the telephone conversation with [b](6), [b](7) he called reporter [b](6), [b](7) and left a message. [b](6), [b](7) stated, when reporter [b](6), [b](7) returned the call, he told reporter [b](6), [b](7) he heard a rumor about [b](6), [b](7) having a final order of removal. [b](6), [b](7) stated he told reporter [b](6), [b](7) he could not confirm the rumor and reporter [b](6), [b](7) asked what it would take to confirm the information. [b](6), [b](7) stated he replied that confirmation would require a query in the ENFORCE Alien Removal Module (EARM) and that he was not going to do the query.

[b](6), [b](7) stated, late in the afternoon of October 31, 2008, he had another telephone conversation with [b](6), [b](7) he told him, and other unnamed individuals, received an email message from [b](6), [b](7) instructing them to ensure they had their Blackberry telephones with them. [b](6), [b](7) stated [b](6), [b](7) also wrote in the message that there was going to be a huge breaking news story and it was going to be a busy night. [b](6), [b](7) stated, when he heard about the email message from [b](6), [b](7) he thought ICE released the information about [b](6), [b](7) or were about to release it.
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On June 2, 2010, SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c telephonically interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated he did convey a message on October 31, 2008, to senior DRO managers about keeping their Blackberry telephones on because there would be a big announcement made. (b)(6), (b)(7)c explained that on that day he attended a meeting with the AS or Deputy AS and was aware the AP article about (b)(6), (b)(7)c would be forthcoming. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he wanted to be prepared because when the article would be released DRO would have to respond to taskings from DHS. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he was not involved in any meetings where ICE personnel were trying to "spin" the press information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c, but simply had discussions about how to respond after the information was released by the press. (Exhibit 28)

On June 3, 2010, ICE SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c OPR/SIU, interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated he became aware of (b)(6), (b)(7)c the night before the AP article was printed. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he was called to a meeting by (b)(6), (b)(7)c and told that (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c also said there were reporters asking for information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c and DRO managers were to keep their Blackberry telephones on in case they were needed. Attendees of the meeting were (b)(6), (b)(7)c told the attendees not to discuss the matter and he complied. (Exhibit 29)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he remembered speaking with (b)(6), (b)(7)c and other unidentified personnel, about the DRO directive but not about (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (b)(6), (b)(7)c voiced displeasure about the DRO directive because he felt DRO Headquarters was micromanaging the field offices. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, despite having conversations about the DRO directive, he at no time linked the policy issue of the DRO directive with the matter of (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated, after the AP article was printed, he had one or two conversations about the matter with (b)(6), (b)(7)c and at that time discussed (b)(6), (b)(7)c with him. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c did not say he had communicated information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c to the media and actually expressed annoyance because he heard people were alleging he had divulged information to the media. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he had no relationship to any of the reporters involved in the matter.

On June 14, 2010, SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c conducted a subject interview of (b)(6), (b)(7)c who stated on October 31, 2008, he had two telephone conversations with (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated the first call occurred at approximately 2:00 or 2:30 PM Pacific Time (PT) and the second call occurred at approximately 4:00 PM PT. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated (b)(6), (b)(7)c told him there was a rumor at ICE Headquarters about (b)(6), (b)(7)c having a final order of removal and
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that ICE management was trying to determine a way to release the information without bringing embarrassment to the agency for not enforcing the law. [b6], [b7] stated [b6], [b7] also told him [b6], [b7] sent an email message stating to keep their Blackberry telephones turned on because a "huge" news story was going to be released that night. (Exhibit 30)

[b6], [b7] stated, after speaking with [b6], [b7] at 2:00 or 2:30 PM PT, he called AP reporter [b6], [b7]. [b6], [b7] did not answer the telephone and he left a voice mail message. [b6], [b7] explained he had a history of talking with reporter [b6], [b7] about getting together socially and called reporter [b6], [b7] on October 31, 2008, for that same purpose. [b6], [b7] stated, at approximately 3:00 or 3:30 PM PT, reporter [b6], [b7] returned his telephone call. [b6], [b7] stated reporter [b6], [b7] started the conversation by telling him he was detailed to New York and asked if he had heard anything interesting. [b6], [b7] stated he replied, "Yes" and told reporter [b6], [b7] he heard a rumor that Presidential Candidate Obama's aunt was not only in the country illegally but also had a final order of removal. [b6], [b7] stated reporter [b6], [b7] asked where he heard about [b6], [b7] and [b6], [b7] response was that he heard it from another ICE employee. [b6], [b7] stated reporter [b6], [b7] asked him what it would take to confirm the information. [b6], [b7] stated his reply was that certain databases would need to be queried and he was not going to do it.

[b6], [b7] explained he had developed a relationship with reporter [b6], [b7] from an initial introduction to him in 2007 by OPA. [b6], [b7] explained he had done two or three interviews with reporter [b6], [b7] and had a cordial relationship in which they were always trying to "get together for that beer." [b6], [b7] initially implied and stated that his reason for calling reporter [b6], [b7] on October 31, 2008, was a social one. When [b6], [b7] was asked directly why he happened to call reporter [b6], [b7] at that time he replied, "You know, I don't know. Uh, I understand that looks very suspect, very circumstance. But, um, I don't know. He - he had called me a couple of days earlier and I was calling him back. And, you know, I've already - said that - that I told him. --." Upon direct questioning about the purpose of calling reporter [b6], [b7], [b6], [b7] stated the primary purpose for calling reporter [b6], [b7] was to inform him about the rumor of [b6], [b7] and admitted the social aspect of the call was just an excuse to make contact with him.

[b6], [b7] stated reporter [b6], [b7] called him two more times on October 31, 2008, asking if he heard anything else and if he could confirm the information. [b6], [b7] stated he replied each time that he could not confirm the information. [b6], [b7] stated he received the last two calls
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from reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c at approximately 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM PT. When (b)(6), (b)(7)c was told the last call would have occurred when the AP article was being released and asked why reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c would still be calling him so close to releasing the article, (b)(6), (b)(7)c replied, "I don't know. Maybe one last minute, uh, opportunity to get somebody to confirm it."

(b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c called him approximately four days after the article was published and asked him what he thought of the article. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he told reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c there would be a "massive witch hunt" over the article and reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c told him not to worry because he didn't write the story based on their conversation. When (b)(6), (b)(7)c was asked if he thought it was permissible to release the information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c to reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c if the AP article was not based on it, (b)(6), (b)(7)c replied, "No. No. I mean in retrospect it was an error in judgment. No doubt about it. I had no political motivations."

On July 19, 2010, ICE SSAs (b)(6), (b)(7)c OPR/SIU, interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)c telephonically to verify reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c telephone numbers. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c mobile telephone number is (b)(6), (b)(7)c. (Exhibit 31)

A review of (b)(6), (b)(7)c government-issued mobile telephone statement shows (b)(6), (b)(7)c received three telephone calls on October 31, 2008, from reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c mobile number. The calls occurred at 3:34 PM PT for 8 minutes, 9:22 PM PT for 2 minutes, and 9:24 PM PT for 8 minutes. (Exhibit 32)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c provided the following reasons for releasing the information about (b)(6), (b)(7)c to reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated,

"I thought it was very interesting information. Just like everybody else who was talking about it. And, um, you know now it was probably an error in judgment." (Exhibit 30, page 9)

"I think it was very interesting and I think it was newsworthy. And regardless of, uh, political affiliation, uh, I -- I think that it was, um - it was quite a -- quite a big thing." (Exhibit 30, page 16)

"I called (b)(6), (b)(7)c because regardless of political affiliation, you know, (b)(6), (b)(7)c and -- and, you know, I think the American public has a right to know that." (Exhibit 30, page 27)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c denied disclosing any information to reporter (b)(6), (b)(7)c about (b)(6), (b)(7)c asylum claim or the DRO directive. (b)(6), (b)(7)c stated he was not upset about the DRO directive and it
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was not a motivating factor for contacting reporter also denied that having a poor relationship with was a motivating factor for contacting reporter stated he had not communicated any other information unofficially to reporter other than the information about stated, when he was previously asked by other DRO employees about disclosing any information about to the media, he denied it. stated, "Why should I tell somebody, uh, over beers that, Oh, ha-ha, you're the one that really - why would I tell them that?...It's none of their business."

Records obtained from the ICE Virtual University training system show successfully completed Information Assurance Awareness Training (IAAT) on May 13, 2008. The IAAT training defined sensitive information and provided examples of Personal Identification Information (PII). The training also provided sensitive information rules of behavior that required acknowledgement of compliance prior to being allowed completion of the course. Within the rules of behavior it stated, "I will protect sensitive information from disclosure to unauthorized persons or groups." (Exhibit 33)

On July 19, 2010, when was telephonically interviewed, she stated she remembered providing media relations training at a FOD Conference held in Denver that attended. stated part of the training involved "do's and don'ts" for dealing with the media. (Exhibit 31)

A review of travel records shows he attended a DRO Leadership Conference in Denver, Colorado from September 15, 2008, through September 19, 2008. (Exhibit 34)

OPR/SIU reviewed government email messages for October 27, 2008, through November 3, 2008, and did not locate any messages relating to the investigation.

ALLEGATION TWO: Lack of Candor.

During the June 14, 2010 interview, attempted to mislead OPR/SIU agents about the reason for contacting reporter on October 31, 2008. repeatedly stated he had a social relationship with reporter stating that he initially contacted reporter on October 31, 2008, for social reasons. When was asked how it transpired that he called reporter responded, "Yea. Earlier in the day, um - - he and I talk off and on about getting together socially. And, uh, I had called him and, uh, left a message. It said, "
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Please call me back." (Exhibit 30)

When [b][6], [b][7] was asked how often he would speak to reporter [b][6], [b][7] responded, "Um, it depends... You know, it's one of these situations where we see each other and, uh, we say, Hey, we need to get together, have a beer or something. And, um, it never happens. And then I call him and leave a message. He would call me and leave a message. And it was one of those times where - - where I called to see where he was."

When [b][6], [b][7] was asked directly what time he called reporter [b][6], [b][7], he replied he initially tried to call him at approximately 2:30 PM PT after talking to [b][6], [b][7]. When [b][6], [b][7] was asked directly why he happened to call reporter [b][6], [b][7] at that time he replied, "You know, I don't know. Uh, I understand that looks very suspect, very circumstance. But, um, I don't know. He - he had called me a couple of days earlier and I was calling him back. And, you know, I've already - said that - that I told him. --."

When asked if the primary purpose of his call to reporter [b][6], [b][7] was to provide him information on the rumor of [b][6], [b][7], replied, "yes." When [b][6], [b][7] was asked if informing reporter [b][6], [b][7] about [b][6], [b][7] was the sole purpose for calling him, [b][6], [b][7] responded, "It - - it was to, uh, talk to him, to find out when we could get together. And, uh, to tell him that I had heard this rumor, yes." [b][6], [b][7] next admitted the social aspect of the call was a secondary reason. When [b][6], [b][7] was asked if the social aspect of the call was just an excuse to make contact with reporter [b][6], [b][7], [b][6], [b][7] responded, "Yes. Probably."

ALLEGATION THREE: Misuse of Government Property.

[b][6], [b][7] stated he communicated the information about [b][6], [b][7] to reporter [b][6], [b][7] using his government desk and mobile telephones. [b][6], [b][7] stated if it was his intention to release sensitive agency information he would not have communicated with reporter [b][6], [b][7] using government telephones and would have instead used a payphone. [b][6], [b][7] stated, "I - I called from my desk phone. I accepted calls from him on my cell phone. Um, I knew that would be a matter of record." (Exhibit 30)

A review of [b][6], [b][7] government-issued mobile telephone statement shows [b][6], [b][7] received three telephone calls on October 31, 2008, from reporter [b][6], [b][7] mobile number. The calls occurred at 3:34 PM PT for 8 minutes, 9:22 PM PT for 2 minutes, and 9:24 PM PT for 8 minutes. (Exhibit 32)
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