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Office of the Inspector General

**ABBREVIATED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

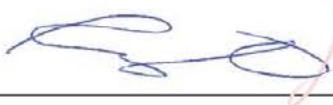
<b>SUBJECT</b> [REDACTED] Supervisory Intelligence Analyst (Former) [REDACTED]		<b>CASE NUMBER</b> [REDACTED]	
<b>OFFICE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION</b> Washington Field Office		<b>DOJ COMPONENT</b> Federal Bureau of Investigation	
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**SYNOPSIS**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Inspection Division, [REDACTED], alleging that then FBI Supervisory Intelligence Analyst [REDACTED], during a post polygraph interview, admitted to viewing and downloading child pornography (CP). Specifically, during an FBI five-year routine counterintelligence polygraph examination, [REDACTED] showed indications of countermeasures during the polygraph which led the examiner to conduct a post polygraph interview.

During the interview, [REDACTED] admitted to viewing and downloading CP of girls ranging in age between 9 and 17 while searching the internet between [REDACTED]. Specifically, [REDACTED] admitted to searching on pornographic sites, and “undoubtedly” viewed CP. [REDACTED] stated that he preferred pornography depicting young females age 15-17, he then changed his preference during subsequent questioning, to females as young as 12 years old, and finally admitted to preferring females as young as 9 years old and just starting to show signs of maturation. [REDACTED] admitted to masturbating to CP. [REDACTED] provided the Polygraph Unit with a written statement and written consent authorizing the FBI to assume custody of [REDACTED]’s personal computers and phone.

Based on [REDACTED] admission, the OIG investigation substantiated the allegation that [REDACTED] had knowingly possessed child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B) and FBI Offense Code 4.7 (Other Felonies). The OIG investigation did not uncover evidence of CP on any of [REDACTED]’s personal or FBI-issued devices that the OIG forensically examined.

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<b>PREPARED BY SPECIAL AGENT</b>	[REDACTED]	
<b>DATE</b>	02/21/2020	
	Russell W. Cunningham	
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Members of the FBI's Human Trafficking Task Force subsequently escorted [REDACTED] from the polygraph section to his residence to obtain his personal computer devices, his cellular phone, and to conduct an additional interview. During the second interview, [REDACTED] told the FBI that he used the Google search engine to search for pornography, as well as visiting known adult pornographic sites by utilizing the internet address bar, and that when searching for pornography on the internet, he expected to view images of college aged women, or adult women who dressed up to appear younger. [REDACTED] denied ever using a peer to peer network to view pornography or that he received or sent pornography. [REDACTED] told the FBI that his age preference was 18 and above, and that during the polygraph, he indicated a younger age preference in order to pass the examination, due to the fact that he believed he had viewed CP. [REDACTED] gave an example of one time when he came across a site on the internet that had images of people who appeared young, and that he exited the site immediately. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated that he has traveled overseas for the FBI [REDACTED] [REDACTED], however, he denied having sex with anyone other than with his wife, or paying for sex while overseas or at any time.

[REDACTED] was summarily dismissed from his position at the FBI effective [REDACTED], based on an FBI administrative inquiry and subsequent finding that [REDACTED] accessed and viewed CP.

The OIG took possession of [REDACTED] personal computer devices and one Samsung Galaxy S4, and the OIG Cyber Investigations Office (CIO) forensically examined all seized devices. The OIG flagged 251 suspect images some of which were duplicates. After reconciling the duplicates, 183 suspect pornographic images were provided to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to assess whether any were known child victims; however, none were identified.

The CIO also forensically examined [REDACTED] FBI computer, and two FBI issued phones, a Samsung S5 and S7. Nothing pertinent was identified on either FBI device.

[REDACTED], provided a Child Pornography Image Review of 251 pornographic images identified during the OIG's forensic review of [REDACTED] computers and phones, including the 183 images flagged as suspected pornography. Of the 251 images, none of the images portrayed were determined by [REDACTED] to be "pre-pubertal" or under the age of 18.

[REDACTED], the U.S. Attorney's Office [REDACTED], the Public Integrity Section, and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section collectively declined criminal prosecution of [REDACTED]

The OIG has completed its investigation and all criminal and administrative actions are complete. The OIG is providing this 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. The Merit Systems Protection Board applies this same standard when reviewing a federal agency's decision to take adverse action against an employee based on such misconduct. See 5 U.S.C. § 7701(c)(1)(B); 5 C.F.R. § 1201.56(b)(1)(ii).