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CASE #: OI-HQ-2016-CAC-0055

CROSS REFERENCE #: 2016-0131

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), FORMER EPA EMPLOYEE, UNUSUAL INTEREST IN EPA ADMINISTRATOR

CASE SUMMARY REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	WASHINGTON DC	N/A

COMPLAINT:

On March 18, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Special Agent (SA), Criminal Investigations Division (CID), Administrator's Personal Security Detail (PSD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), notified the EPA, Office of Inspector General (OIG), of an alleged threat regarding emails and phone calls of unusual interest and direction, directed at Regina McCarthy (McCarthy), Administrator, EPA. The calls and emails were from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) former employee, EPA. In the context of the emails and phone calls, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) repeatedly stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) needed to speak to McCarthy regarding information (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) possesses which will assist Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton's (Presidential Candidate Clinton) campaign. The communications were fielded by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, Washington, DC.

BACKGROUND:

Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (AIGI) Patrick Sullivan (Sullivan), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), EPA directed SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), OI, OIG, EPA, to initiate an investigation into whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posed a credible threat against Administrator McCarthy.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

The investigation revealed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was previously employed by the EPA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). During (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tenure with the EPA, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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EPA OIG Special Agents interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Office of Executive Services, Office of the Administrator, EPA on April 6, 2016. (b) (6) stated that (b) (6) received a telephone call from (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) approximately three to four years ago. (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) informed (b) (6) agents that (b) (6) found the contact to be concerning because during the telephone call, (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) sounded "crazy" and "out of it." (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) explained that (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) speech was slurred and (b) (6) contradicted (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) numerous times. (b) (6), (b) (7)(K)

On March 17, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) called (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) via telephone. In addition, (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) sent two inappropriate emails to (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) during the same time period. In the context of emails and phone calls, (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) repeatedly stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) needed to speak to Administrator McCarthy regarding information that (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) has allegedly possessed which will assist Presidential Candidate Clinton's campaign. In addition to information to assist Presidential Candidate Clinton's campaign, (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) requested that the EPA provide and pay for a lawyer, a cardiologist, a shopping trip in Georgetown, a flight to the DC area, and limo service from the airport. (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) also requested an EPA ID, as well as access to Administrator McCarthy.

This investigation revealed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) did not threaten any specific person or threaten to harm any EPA facility. In addition, neither (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) nor any of (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) former co-workers interviewed by EPA OIG Special Agents stated they felt threatened by (b) (6), (b) (7)(K)

On December 12, 2016, the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) declined prosecution of (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) regarding allegations of threats toward the EPA administrator and her staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

The investigation revealed that the allegation that (b) (6), (b) (7)(K) posed a credible threat against the EPA Administrator or her staff is not supported. However, if additional information is discovered, or provided by an outside source, OI will assess such information and take appropriate action.

This case is recommended for closure with no further investigatory action.