



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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**DATE:** MARCH 24, 2017

**PREPARED BY:** SA [REDACTED]

**CASE #:** OI-BO-2017-CAC-0076

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT: POTENTIAL THREAT TO EPA ADMINISTRATOR  
SCOTT PRUITT VIA POSTCARD

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKOWN

**VIOLATION(S):**

Title 18 U.S.C § 876	Mailing Threatening Communications
Title 18 U.S.C § 111	Assaulting, Resisting, Impeding or Intimidating Certain Officers or Employees

**ALLEGATION:**

On March 15, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office (WFO), referred OIG hotline complaint number 2017-0160 to the Boston Field Office for investigation. This complaint was referred because of an unsolicited postcard with concerning rhetoric was sent to Administrator Scott Pruitt, EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

**FINDINGS:**

Upon examination of the postcard and rhetoric, statements such as, "Get out while you still can, Scott", "You are evil incarnite" and "you ignorant fuck" were hand written on the message portion of the postcard. Statements as such may not constitute a direct threat but are of concern to the Agency. The postcard is postmarked, "Boston, MA, 21 FEB 2017" and received in the Office of the Administrator on March 1, 2017. Also printed on the message side of the post card was the name of the image on the reverse side to be, "Symphony in Red" by James Abbott McNeill Whistler and the notation for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA). It is unclear at this time of any conscience underlying message or significant meaning to the title of the image and

correlation to it being sent to Administrator Pruitt. There was no sender information or signature recorded on the postcard.

OI inquired with the United States (US) Postal Inspection Service of the possibility of extracting any additional information from the postcard and was met with negative results.

OI inquired with the Security Operations, Department of Protective Services, MFA, Boston, MA of the possibility in determining the origin of sale and/or a purchaser of the postcard could be determined. OI was told the postcard is not sold through outside vendors and most likely purchased at the MFA. As for determining when or whom may have purchased the postcard, OI was met with negative results.

OI inquired with the US Secret Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), Boston, MA if they are aware of any individual(s) who may have an unusual interest towards Administrator Pruitt from the local area and was met with negative results.

**DISPOSITION:**

Because the postcard lacked a clear threat and the investigation was unable to determine a subject, the facts of this case were not presented to the United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts for prosecutorial consideration.

Pending the discovery of new facts or evidence to support the violation(s) and/or identification of a subject(s) this case will be closed at this time.