



There Has Been a MAJOR Twist in Case of FBI Special Agent Who ‘Abruptly Resigned’ While Under Investigation for Bias

Description

USA: There has been a major twist in the case of the FBI Special Agent who was reported as having ‘abruptly resigned’ and escorted out of FBI headquarters on Friday.

Timothy Thibault denies that he was ‘forced out’ and claims that he actually left the FBI on good terms. Any allegations that he engaged in ‘partisanship’ while handling politically sensitive cases, such as the Hunter Biden laptop case and Trump investigations, are “false.”

“On August 26, 2022, Mr. Thibault (pronounced TEE-BOW) voluntarily resigned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation,” a media statement released on Tuesday night read. “Mr. Thibault was not fired. not forced to retire, and not asked to retire. On his last day, as part of his processing, Mr. Thibault turned in his security badge and walked with two long-time special agent friends through the field office to finish processing his paperwork. He walked out of the building by himself. Claims to the contrary are false.”

“Mr. Thibault was eligible for retirement and informed his supervisors about a month ago that he intended to retire, following more than 30 years of devoting himself to the protection of the American people and to upholding the Constitution of the United States in a nonpartisan fashion,” the statement continued.

“There have been allegations that Mr. Thibault’s social media posts potentially violated the Hatch Act, and those allegations are being investigated by the Office of Special Counsel,” the statement added. “Mr. Thibault is cooperating with that investigation, urges the office to complete its review, and expects to be fully exonerated. There have also been allegations that Mr. Thibault took certain actions in investigations for partisan political reasons. Mr. Thibault welcomes any investigation of these false allegations, regardless of retirement.”

“He firmly believes that any investigation will conclude that his supervision, leadership and decision making were not impacted by political bias or partisanship of any kind,” the statement closed. “He is confident that all of his decisions were consistent with the FBI’s highest standards for ethics and

integrity.”

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Timothy R. Thibault has “retained the pro bono services of Morrison & Foerster LLP,” CBS News reporter Catherine Herridge noted on Tuesday night. “The following statement may be used, in whole or part, + attributed to Mr. Thibault’s counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP.”

As reported earlier, Thibault was reported as having been escorted out of FBI headquarters on Friday, based on a report by the Washington Times.

“A senior FBI official in the bureau’s Washington field office has abruptly resigned after coming under congressional scrutiny for suspected political bias in handling the investigation of Hunter Biden’s computer laptop,” the Washington Times reported.

“The Washington Times learned that Timothy Thibault, an assistant special agent in charge, was forced to leave his post according to two former FBI officials familiar with the situation,” the Times added.

“Mr. Thibault was seen exiting the bureau’s elevator last Friday escorted by two or three ‘headquarters-looking types,’” the report said.

“It is unclear if Mr. Thibault, a 25-year FBI veteran who was on leave for at least a month following revelations about political statements he made while leading the public corruption unit, left on his own accord or was forced out,” the report added.

Thibault also had a track record of “political bias” while mishandling Trump investigations.

“Former Special Agent Thibault was accused of displaying bias in his handling of politically sensitive investigations, including the criminal investigation of Hunter Biden’s laptop and FBI probes of former President Donald Trump,” Just the News reported.

“Whistleblowers alleged that Thibault concealed the partisan nature of evidence from FBI Director Christopher Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland to secure their approval to open an investigation into former President Donald Trump,” the report added. “That investigation culminated in the FBI’s raid on Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate earlier this month.”

In late May, Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) sought “Justice Department records regarding the work history of a senior FBI official following revelations of his apparent political bias on social media channels.” “Department guidelines require employees to avoid even the appearance of bias, which could undermine investigations or call into question the credibility of the department’s work,” the senator’s letter said.

“However, Timothy Thibault, an assistant special agent in charge (ASAC) at the FBI’s WashingtonField Office engaged with and amplified partisan content on social media, sometimes under the label ofhis official job title. Thibault is assigned to oversee public corruption matters, which are often highly sensitive, and involve political figures.”

“It has come to my attention that while serving in a highly sensitive role that includes threshold decision-making over which Federal public corruption matters are opened for investigation, Assistant Special Agent in Charge (‘ASAC’) at the Washington Field Office, Timothy Thibault, likely violated several federal regulations and Department guidelines designed to prevent political bias from infecting FBI matters, including the Attorney General Guidelines for Domestic FBI Operations and FBI social media policies. ... ASAC Thibault has demonstrated a pattern of active public partisanship, such as using his official title for public partisan posts relating to his superiors and matters under the FBI’s purview, that is likely a violation of his ethical obligations as an FBI employee,” Grassley wrote in his letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Chris Wray.

Grassley cited politically charged content from Thibault’s LinkedIn profile, as well as partisan content on Twitter. The senator also wrote the Inspector General requesting an investigation into Thibault for “potential violations of rules and regulations designed to prevent political bias from infecting FBI matters.”

FBI Director Christopher Wray even said in Senate testimony that the FBI agent’s partisan social media posts and attempts to suppress information in the investigation into Hunter Biden’s business relationships were “deeply troubling.”

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