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CBP Statement on Private Facebook Group Activity

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Statement attributed to Matthew Klein, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Professional Responsibility:

“Today, U.S. Customs and Border Protection was made aware of disturbing social media activity hosted on a private Facebook group that may include a number of CBP employees. CBP immediately informed DHS Office of the Inspector General and initiated an investigation. CBP employees are expected to adhere to **CBP's Standards of Conduct** (<https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2018-Nov/cbp-standards-conduct-2012.pdf>), Directive No. 51735-013A both on and off duty, which states, “Employees will not make abusive, derisive, profane, or harassing statements or gestures, or engage in any other conduct evidencing hatred or invidious prejudice to or about one person or group on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability. This includes comments and posts made on private social media sites.”

Statement attributed to U.S. Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost:

“These posts are completely inappropriate and contrary to the honor and integrity I see—and expect—from our agents day in and day out. Any employees found to have violated our standards of conduct will be held accountable.”

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