



## DOJ Investigating Former Top CIA Lawyer Over Drone Leak

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Main Justice on November 10, 2011 released the following:

By Samuel Knight

“The Justice Department is investigating John Rizzo, a former high ranking CIA lawyer, for allegedly illegally leaking information, according to a report Thursday in National Journal.

The department launched its probe into the former acting CIA general counsel after receiving evidence from the Agency’s current office of general counsel.

The agency reportedly began investigating Rizzo in March after he disclosed how it carries out drone attacks to journalist Tara Mckelvey. Mckelvey wrote an article for Newsweek in February called “Inside the Killing Machine.”

Dean Boyd, a spokesman for the Justice Department National Security Division, declined National Journal’s request to comment on the ongoing probe.

If the federal prosecutors do conclude that Rizzo illegally revealed classified information, he could face criminal charges. But unnamed sources “familiar with the investigation” told National Journal that they expected Rizzo’s case to result in a formal reprimand and, possibly, a financial penalty in the form of reduced pension from the agency.

Rizzo was the CIA acting general counsel from late 2001 until late 2002, and again from the middle of 2004 until late 2009, when he retired. From 2002 until 2004, he was the Agency’s deputy general counsel.”

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