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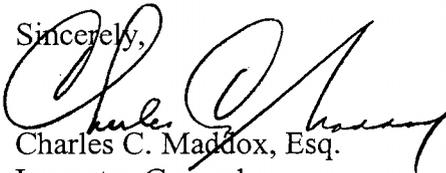
The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
One Judiciary Square
441 Fourth Street, Northwest, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

On September 21, 2001, Donald Taylor was sentenced in U.S. District Court following his plea of guilty to four (4) counts of felony Conflict of Interest, as a result of defrauding the Department of Human Rights and Minority Business Development of over \$14,000.00 during the period of 1996 to 1998. The fraudulent scheme involved Taylor preparing purchase orders and vouchers to a fictitious company, Zinfandel Enterprises, started by Gerald Draper, the former director of the Department of Human Rights and Minority Business Development, who pleaded guilty to two related charges of conspiracy in 1999. After District Government checks were issued to Zinfandel, Draper would write a company check to Taylor, keep a portion for himself, and occasionally Taylor would deposit the Zinfandel checks for Zinfandel. As a result of this investigation by Special Agent Sean Currie of this Office and Special Agents Brian Doto and Michelle Rankin of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Taylor was sentenced to five (5) years probation, ordered to pay \$14,841.37 in restitution within five years, fined \$2,000, and fined a \$100.00 special assessment fee.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me on (202)727-9501 or David Bowie, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202)727-1039.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Maddox, Esq.
Inspector General

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cc: District of Columbia Councilmembers
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