

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

October 21, 2005

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent James Glymph of this Office concerning Denise Garrett, a resident of the District of Columbia, and a claimant with the D.C. Department of Employment Services (DOES).

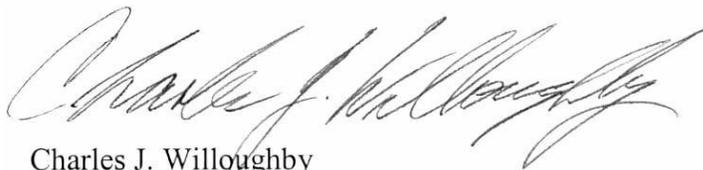
The investigation revealed that Garrett fraudulently received approximately \$8,000 in Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits by falsely certifying on DOES mail-in claim cards that she was unemployed between March 1999 and September 2001. Garrett used the U.S. Postal Service to return the mail-in claim cards to receive the UI benefit checks.

On September 15, 2005, Garrett entered a guilty plea to one count of First Degree Fraud in violation of 22 D.C. Code §§ 3221 and 3222(b)(2). On October 11, 2005, The Honorable Erik P. Christian, Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, sentenced Garrett to 180 days confinement (suspended), 5 years probation, a \$100 fine to be contributed to the Victim's Fund, and ordered a restitution payment of \$8,000. Garrett was also ordered to forfeit all federal and state income tax refunds to DOES until restitution is paid in full.

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If you need additional information, please call me on (202) 727-2540 or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2001-0231.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles J. Willoughby".

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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