

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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February 10, 2006

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 an investigation conducted by Special Agent Karen Meunier, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), concerning Kyra Walker (Walker), a former employee of the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

The investigation revealed that beginning in November 2002 through May 2004, while employed as a DMV clerk, Walker accepted bribes to produce titles and registrations for motor vehicles and to assist others working at the DMV to do the same. Walker agreed to produce the titles and registrations although she knew the vehicles were stolen, did not have insurance, or had other problems associated with them. In some cases, Walker operated as a "runner" or "go-between" by accepting the bribes and fraudulent documentation for vehicles that applicants wanted to register, and delivering the payments and paperwork to another DMV employee. The employee would then enter the information from the paperwork into the DMV's computer to create vehicle titles and registrations. Walker's share of the bribe money paid by the applicants for this service varied from \$200 to \$300 or more per transaction.

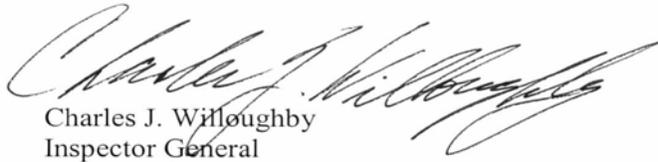
Walker also admitted to "helping out" car dealers who did not want to take vehicles through inspections, which they knew they would not pass. Typically, the car dealers would provide Walker with applications for the vehicles, but would not provide other necessary documentation, including proof of insurance. In addition, car dealers brought her paperwork for salvaged vehicles, including vehicles from Maryland, in order to receive District of Columbia titles that would not reference any problems with the vehicles. Occasionally, the car dealers gave Walker money and other gifts.

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On January 30, 2006, Walker was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard Roberts to a term of 12 months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release. Walker pled guilty on November 15, 2005, to an indictment charging her with receipt of a bribe by a public official.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to 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 2002-0373.

Sincerely,

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

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

CJW/km