

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

December 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 an investigation conducted by Special Agent Karen Meunier, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), concerning Rosa Chavez, a former employee of the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) located at 301 C Street, N.W.

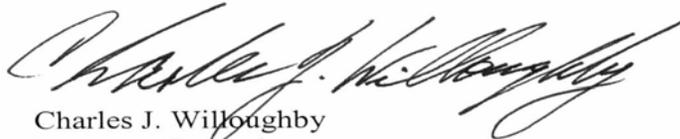
As a clerk at the DMV, Chavez was responsible for processing applications submitted by individuals seeking to obtain District of Columbia drivers' licenses. However, she agreed to input false claims into the DMV computer in order to create and issue fraudulent drivers' licenses in exchange for \$250 to \$400 per license from the applicants. Initially, Chavez issued approximately three to four fraudulent drivers' licenses each week, but this number increased significantly over time. Many of those receiving drivers' licenses from Chavez did not take the required written or driving test and, in many cases, never had a drivers' license prior to receiving one from her. During the course of the bribery scheme, applicants seeking fraudulent licenses paid out more than \$70,000 in bribes for Chavez to produce the fraudulent drivers' licenses.

On November 15, 2005, Chavez was sentenced on her prior guilty plea by U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn to 24 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release. As part of her plea, Chavez acknowledged that beginning in early 2002, she began selling fraudulent drivers' licenses in exchange for cash.

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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 black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "W".

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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