

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



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January 31, 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 David Johnson (Johnson), a former employee of the District of Columbia Department of Public Schools Transportation Division.

Johnson acknowledged that he paid bribes to Tonette Cooks (Cooks), a former teller of the District of Columbia Office of Finance and Treasury assigned to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Bureau of Traffic Adjudication, in exchange for Cooks wrongfully characterizing fines and citations as paid in full in the DMV database. Johnson, acting as a middleman, collected money and ticket information from customers who paid Cooks to clear the tickets, and kept a portion of the money. Johnson admitted that his actions resulted in a loss to the District government of over \$30,000.

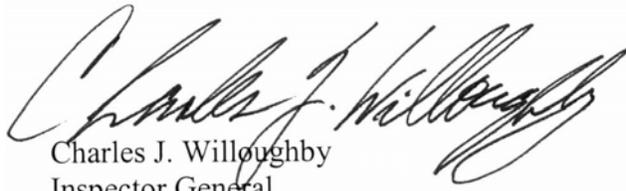
On January 17, 2006, Johnson was sentenced on his prior guilty plea by U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler to 18 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release. In addition, Johnson was ordered to pay \$30,000 in restitution to the District government.

Earlier, on October 21, 2005, Cooks was sentenced to 18 months of imprisonment and ordered to pay \$200,000 in restitution. A second middleperson in this case, Sherry McKnight, was sentenced on April 28, 2004, to 46 months of imprisonment and ordered to pay \$200,000 in restitution, bringing the total reimbursement owed to the District government to \$430,000.

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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,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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