

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

February 9, 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 Toni Mahoney (Mahoney), a former employee of the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

The investigation revealed that beginning in October 2003 through spring 2004, while employed as a DMV clerk, Mahoney accepted bribes to produce titles and registrations for motor vehicles and to assist others working at the DMV to do the same. Mahoney agreed to produce the titles and registrations although she knew the vehicles were stolen, did not have the appropriate paperwork attesting to prior ownership, lacked insurance, or had other problems associated with them. In addition, Mahoney assisted other employees at the DMV, who accepted bribe payments and fraudulent vehicle registration applications, by placing the information into the DMV's computer system to produce the vehicle titles or registrations. The bribe amounts Mahoney accepted varied, but frequently were \$300 or more per transaction.

Mahoney also accepted bribes from "runners" working with car dealers who did not want to take vehicles through inspections, which they knew would not pass. Additionally, several car dealers from the District brought her paperwork for salvaged vehicles in order to receive District of Columbia titles that would not reference any problems with the vehicles.

On February 3, 2006, Mahoney was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard Roberts to a term of 3 months in prison and 3 months of home confinement. On April 20, 2005, Mahoney pled guilty for her role in a scheme where she accepted bribe money to provide

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motor vehicle registrations and titles for vehicles that, in some cases, she knew were stolen. Mahoney's co-worker, Kyra Walker, with whom she was engaged in the bribery scheme, was sentenced by Judge Roberts on January 30, 2006, to 12 months in prison.

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 that reads "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

CJW/km