

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

August 3, 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 of this Office concerning Rosa Chavez, a District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) employee who pled guilty to a bribery scheme that took place at the DMV located at 301 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

This investigation revealed that Chavez, who worked for DMV as a Clerk for five years, input false claims into the DMV computer in order to create and issue fraudulent drivers' licenses to applicants in exchange for cash payments in the amount of \$250 to \$400 per license. Initially Chavez issued approximately three to four fraudulent drivers' licenses each week, but this number increased significantly over time. During the course of the bribery scheme, applicants seeking fraudulent licenses paid more than \$70,000 in bribes to Chavez.

On February 24, 2005, Chavez was terminated from employment. On July 26, 2005, Chavez pled guilty to one count of receipt of bribes by a public official. As part of her plea, Chavez acknowledged that beginning in early 2002, she began selling fraudulent drivers' licenses in exchange for cash. Chavez faces up to 15 years in prison when sentenced by United States District Judge John Garrett Penn on November 15, 2005.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me at the number below or Robert G. Andary, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being the most prominent.

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

CJW/km