

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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June 8, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams  
Mayor  
District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 221  
Washington, D.C. 20004

**RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Dear Mayor Williams:

On August 31, 2005, Gwendolyn M. Hemphill, former Executive Assistant, Washington Teacher's Union Local 6 (WTU 6), and former WTU 6 Treasurer James Odell Baxter, II were each convicted in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of 23 counts of conspiracy, fraud, embezzlement, money laundering, and other charges by participating in a scheme to divert nearly five million dollars in WTU 6 union dues. Former WTU President Barbara A. Bullock pled guilty, and is serving a 9-year prison sentence. James A. Goosby, Jr., a third defendant and part-time accountant for WTU 6, was acquitted of all six counts against him.

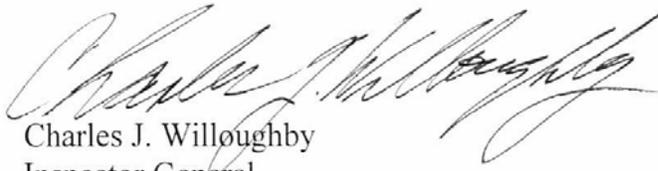
On May 22, 2006, Hemphill received an 11-year prison sentence and will make full restitution to WTU 6 in the amount of \$4,249,187 (due immediately and while incarcerated) for her role in the embezzlement scandal.

On June 5, 2006, James Odell Baxter II, former Treasurer for WTU 6, was sentenced for his role in the embezzlement scheme. Baxter was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 900 hours of community service, received a fine of \$2,300, and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,249,187.

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This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James W. Cooper, Anthony M. Alexis and Jeannie S. Rhee. If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me on (202) 727-2540 or Leonard C. Odom, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-2995. When calling, please reference Office of the Inspector General Control Number 2003-0075.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby  
Inspector General

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