

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

March 21, 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 that Special Agent William Redden, Jr., D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), is participating in a joint investigation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Investigations, United States Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations, concerning John Walter Sliva, Labor Economist for the District Department of Employment Services (DOES).

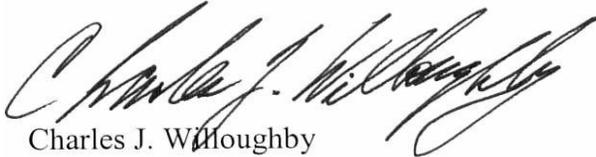
This investigation revealed that Sliva assisted Sergei Danilov and Associates, LLC (Danilov) and the Law Office of I. Jay Fredman, P.C. (Fredman) in preparing and submitting more than 100 Applications for Alien Employment Certification and/or Immigrant Petitions for Alien Workers that contained material misrepresentations. The false statements concerned purported offers of employment, and the work experience of many of the alien applicants, as well as forged signatures of several sponsoring employers who purportedly agreed to hire the aliens. A review of labor certifications filed with DOES by Danilov and Fredman revealed that it took an exceptionally short amount of time for many of those submissions to be approved. Submissions to DOES usually receive a final certification letter 2 or more years after the filing date; however, many of Danilov's filings were certified much faster. At Danilov's request, Sliva would personally review the adequacy of those filings and then either process them out-of-turn or fraudulently backdate them. In return for this preferential treatment, Danilov would provide Sliva dinners and gifts (e.g., hockey tickets, a watch, clothing, a Mont Blanc pen, and a wallet containing \$100 in cash).

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On February 23, 2006, Sliva pled guilty in a Maryland federal court to conspiring to commit immigration fraud in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, during the period of April 2001 until May 2005. Sliva's sentencing is scheduled for May 5, 2006. He faces a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on (202) 727-2540 or Victoria L. Lucchesi, Deputy General Counsel/Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2004-0336.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Wiloughby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Charles J. Wiloughby
Inspector General

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