

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

June 30, 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 the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent Thomas Trimble, District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and Special Agents Michelle Rankin and Keith Givens, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), concerning Robert X. Chambers, a private contractor that conducted business with the District of Columbia Office of Property Management (OPM).

This investigation revealed that Chambers owned a hardwood flooring company that specialized in the installation of gymnasium flooring. Chambers met a former OPM employee who was employed as the General Engineer at OPM. This former D.C. employee oversaw construction projects at the Department of Parks and Recreation, including two projects performed by Chambers' company.

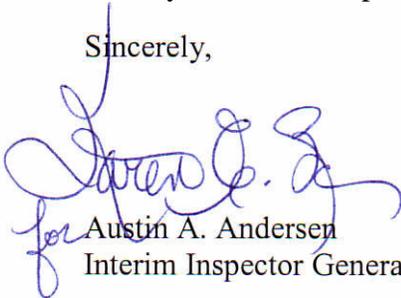
Chambers inflated his bids on the two projects at the request of the D.C. employee in order to kickback funds to the D.C. employee for helping Chambers secure the contracts, getting his flooring specifications into a D.C. computer system that would be used on future D.C. flooring contracts, and helping Chambers get paid by the contractors. Chambers admitted to paying the former OPM employee a total of \$38,500 in seven separate payments.

On June 21, 2005, Chambers pled guilty before The Honorable Paul L. Friedman, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, to Conspiracy to Commit Bribery. Chambers faces a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Chambers' sentencing has been deferred pending his cooperation with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI, and the OIG

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin A. Andersen". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "A".

Austin A. Andersen
Interim Inspector General

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