

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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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:

The Washington Teachers Union (WTU) Local 6 is a collective bargaining unit for 5,000 teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, and other school professionals employed by or retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools. Barbara A. Bullock, former WTU President, pled guilty in 2003 to mail fraud and conspiracy. Bullock, in a scheme which caused the theft of over \$4 million in union funds, received a 9-year federal prison sentence. In May 2006, Gwendolyn M. Hemphill, former Executive Assistant to Bullock, received an 11-year prison sentence; and in June 2006, her co-defendant and former WTU Treasurer, James O. Baxter II, received a 10-year prison sentence for assisting Bullock. The embezzlement scheme was carried out with the assistance of five additional individuals, which included Cheryl Martin, Hemphill's daughter; Michael W. Martin, Hemphill's son-in-law; Errol Alderman, a friend of Hemphill's son-in-law; Leroy Holmes, Bullock's chauffeur; and union accountant Robin J. Klein.

On October 10, 2006, Robin J. Klein, who pled guilty in October 2003, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard J. Leon to 4 years probation, 250 days of home detention, and 500 hours of community service. Klein was not ordered to pay fines due to her financial status.

On October 12, 2006, Michael W. Martin was sentenced by Judge Leon to 6 months of imprisonment, restitution in the amount of \$650,000 (due immediately and while incarcerated), 3 years of electronically monitored home detention, and 200 hours of community service.

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On October 23, 2006, Cheryl H. Martin was sentenced by Judge Leon to 6 months at a correctional facility after her husband, Michael W. Martin, completed his 6 months of imprisonment; restitution in the amount of \$650,000; 48 months of probation; electronically monitored home detention, if it is determined that she can afford the cost for the electronic monitoring; and 500 hours of community service.

On October 27, 2006, Errol Alderman was sentenced by Judge Leon to 6 months at a correctional facility, 4 years of probation, 6 months of home detention, restitution in the amount of \$541,282, and 600 hours of community service.

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

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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