

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General



Inspector General

June 27, 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:

On September 28, 2005, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received a complaint from an anonymous source who reported that Denard A. Smith, Sr., a DS-8 District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Maintenance Construction Representative, solicited money from an individual in exchange for being cited a \$2,500 violation at a job site. During a joint investigation conducted by Special Agent Kerthalia Peavely, OIG, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Smith was surveilled and recorded on September 29, 2005. While inside his DDOT truck, Smith demanded and accepted a gratuity of \$50 from an individual at a worksite located in the 1500 block of 5th Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia. On the recording, Smith made it clear that his was not the first gratuity he demanded or received.

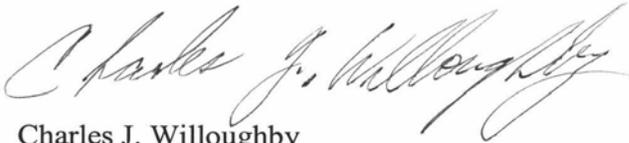
Smith provided a written statement in which he admitted accepting cash payments totaling \$4,000, between the summer of 2005 and January 2006, from individuals or entities within the District of Columbia.

On June 19, 2006, U.S. District Court Judge Henry H. Kennedy, Jr., accepted a plea offer from Smith, of guilty to a one-count information charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 201(c)(1) (Demanding and Accepting Gratuities). Smith is scheduled for sentencing by Judge Kennedy on September 6, 2006.

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This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy G. Lynch. If you need additional information, please feel free to call me on (202) 727-2540 or Leonard C. Odom, Assistant Inspector General for Investigation, on (202) 727-2995. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2005-0448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles J. Willoughby".

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

CJW/kwp