

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



September 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:

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 the individual not being cited for a \$2,500 violation at a job site. During a joint investigation conducted by the 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 this 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.

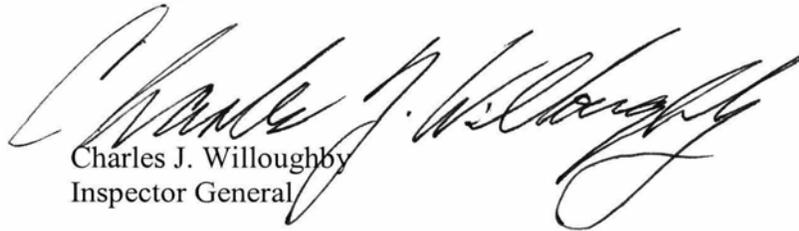
On June 19, 2006, U.S. District Court Judge Henry H. Kennedy, Jr., accepted a plea offer from Smith, of guilty to a one-count information charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 201(c)(1) (Demanding and Accepting Gratuities).

On September 6, 2006, Judge Kennedy sentenced Smith to five (5) years probation with six (6) months of home detention and electronic monitoring; \$4,000 in restitution, which is a condition of probation; a fine of \$2,000, also a condition of probation; and random drug testing. A positive test result will be a violation of probation. Smith is to pay the \$3 per day cost of the electronic monitoring and a \$100 special assessment court fee.

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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 Investigations, on (202) 727-2995. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2005-0448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Willoughby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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